



CITY OF KIRKLAND

PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

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PROHIBITED PLANT LIST

'Noxious weeds' are non-native plants that, once established, are highly destructive, competitive and difficult to control. They have economic and ecological impacts and are very difficult to manage once they get established. Some are toxic or a public health threat to humans and animals, while others destroy native and beneficial plant communities.

Kirkland upholds Washington State's noxious weed control law (Chapter 17.10 RWC), administered by the [King County Noxious Weed Control Board](#). Weeds are separated into classes A, B, or C. [Class A](#) weeds must be eradicated or removed entirely throughout Washington State and King County. Control is required for [Class B](#) and [Class C](#) weeds in King County to prevent their spread.

Of concern are a group of weeds listed by King County as 'non-regulated' and 'weeds of concern'. These particular species impact and degrade native plant and animal habitat in Kirkland's open spaces and parks. To help attain the goals of the [20-Year Forest and Vegetation Restoration Plan](#) and support Green Kirkland Partnership efforts, the following weeds are prohibited to plant on private property in Kirkland, and are recommended for removal:

Evergreen/Himalayan blackberry	English/Atlantic ivy
English holly	Poison hemlock
Invasive knotweeds	Reed canarygrass
Bindweed or morning glory	Scotch broom
Bird cherry	Spurge laurel
Herb Robert	Yellow archangel

The removal of prohibited plant species (including significant trees) is allowed without a obtaining a permit except in sensitive areas such as wetland/stream buffers or landslide areas. Please contact the Planning Department for more information about tree removal permits and sensitive areas.

The following plants that, while not prohibited, are discouraged to be planted on private property in Kirkland due to similar impacts to native forest areas:

Butterfly bush	Sycamore maple
European mountain ash	Common hawthorn
English laurel	