

Invasives

This is the best time of the year to remove three invasive species from your property. If you do so, it will be a great start to help native species flourish naturally on your property and help make a healthier urban tree canopy in our communities.

Callery Pear/Bradford Pear/Cleveland Pear – These trees are not allowed to be sold in Ohio. If you have several growing naturally, cut them down. If you have one of these trees as a feature tree in your yard it is okay to keep it, but it would be best to consider replacing it down the road.

Multiflora Rose. This thick bush grows quickly in sun and shade along the woods with many prickles to grab hold of anything that snags it. It has small flowers in the spring, the first to leaf out, and the last to drop leaves in the fall. Killing it is easy, cut it down at the ground, and spray the stump with of Roundup just enough to make it wet.

Honeysuckle Bush. This tall gangly bush grows quickly in the sun and shade along the woods with light furrowed bark. It is the first to leaf out in the spring and last to drop its leaves in the fall. Killing it is easy, cut it down at the ground, and spray the stump with of Roundup just enough to make it wet.

If you would like assistance in identifying and learning how to manage these invasives on your property, contact me at brantschbob@gmail.com. Our Urban Forestry Commission would be happy to assist you.

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