



Japanese Knotweed:

Top Weed for Home Damage in Hampton Roads Area

What Is Japanese Knotweed?

This invasive, tough-to-eradicate weed damages home foundations, driveways, walkways, drainpipes, sewer lines, and gardens.

- Grows three inches per day
- Roots reach 20 feet deep
- Up to 10 feet tall
- Spreads up to 70 feet from nearest stem

How To Identify Japanese Knotweed

- ✓ Green heart-shaped leaves
- ✓ Stems and leaves both have purple speckles
- ✓ Zigzag pattern of leaves on the stem
- ✓ Creamy white flowers in late August to September
- ✓ Bamboo-like green stem, hollow and segmented

Damage From Japanese Knotweed

- Can clog, crack, and break drainpipes and sewer lines
- Damages septic tanks and drain fields
- Breaks up concrete and asphalt
- Damages home foundations
- Negative impact on home value

How To Protect Your Home

- ✓ Cut stems down to the ground.
- ✓ Dispose of clippings; do not compost.
- ✓ Cover area with tarp—no light, no water.
- ✓ Sink barrier around area to stop root spread.
- ✓ Consult an expert in eradication.
- ✓ Have your home inspected by foundation and plumbing repair professionals.

If you find Japanese knotweed on your property, contact the professionals at A1 Sewer and Drain to schedule an inspection and repair estimate to ensure the weed has not caused damage to your home.

Source:

A1plumbers.com/weeds-and-home-damage/