



Japanese Knotweed:

Top Weed for Home Damage in Michigan



What Is Japanese Knotweed?

This invasive, difficult-to-eradicate weed damages home foundations, driveways, walkways, and gardens.

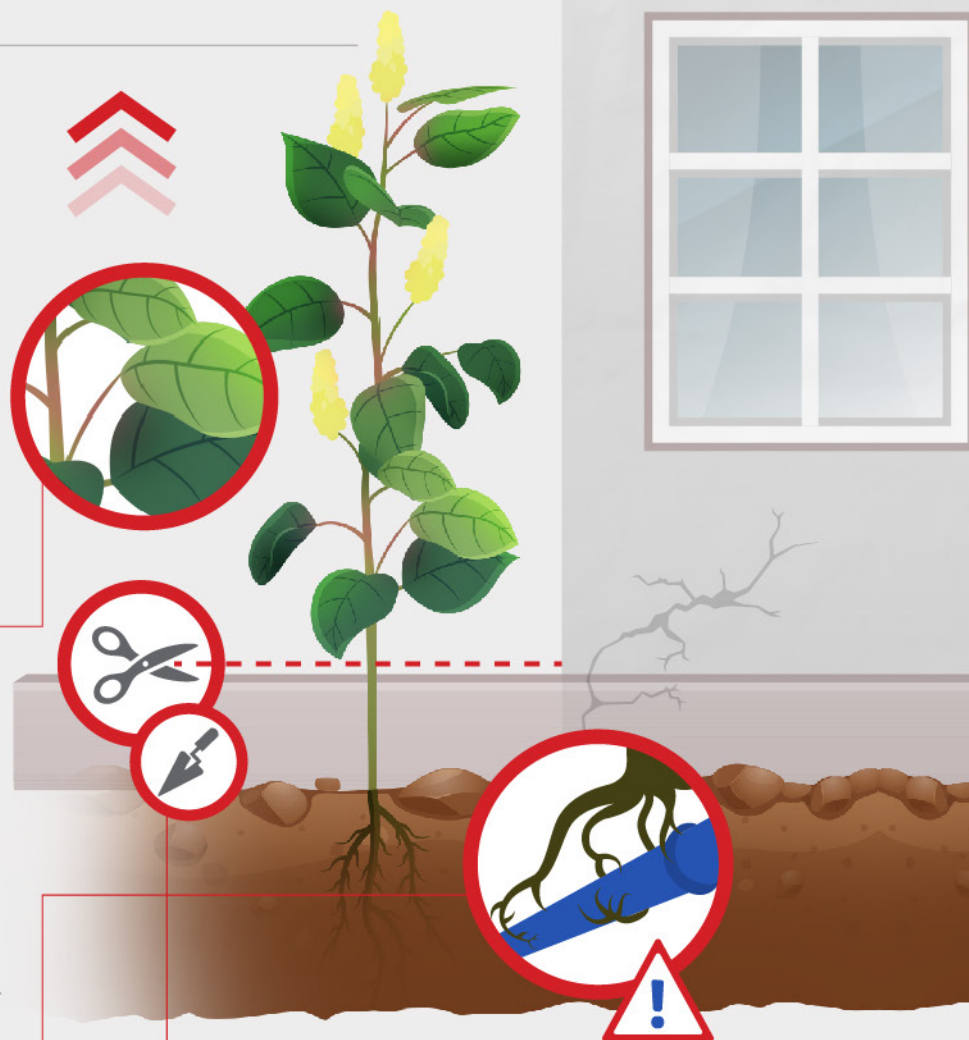
- Grows three inches per day
- Roots reach 20 feet deep
- Up to 10 feet tall
- Spreads up to 70 feet from nearest stem

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
- 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 repair professionals.

If you find Japanese knotweed on your property, contact the professionals at FSM for a free inspection to ensure the weed has not caused damage to your home.

Source:

[DryMich.com/resources/weeds-and-home-damage/](https://drymich.com/resources/weeds-and-home-damage/)

