



# Japanese Knotweed: Top Weed for Home Damage in Minnesota and North Dakota

## What Is Japanese Knotweed?

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

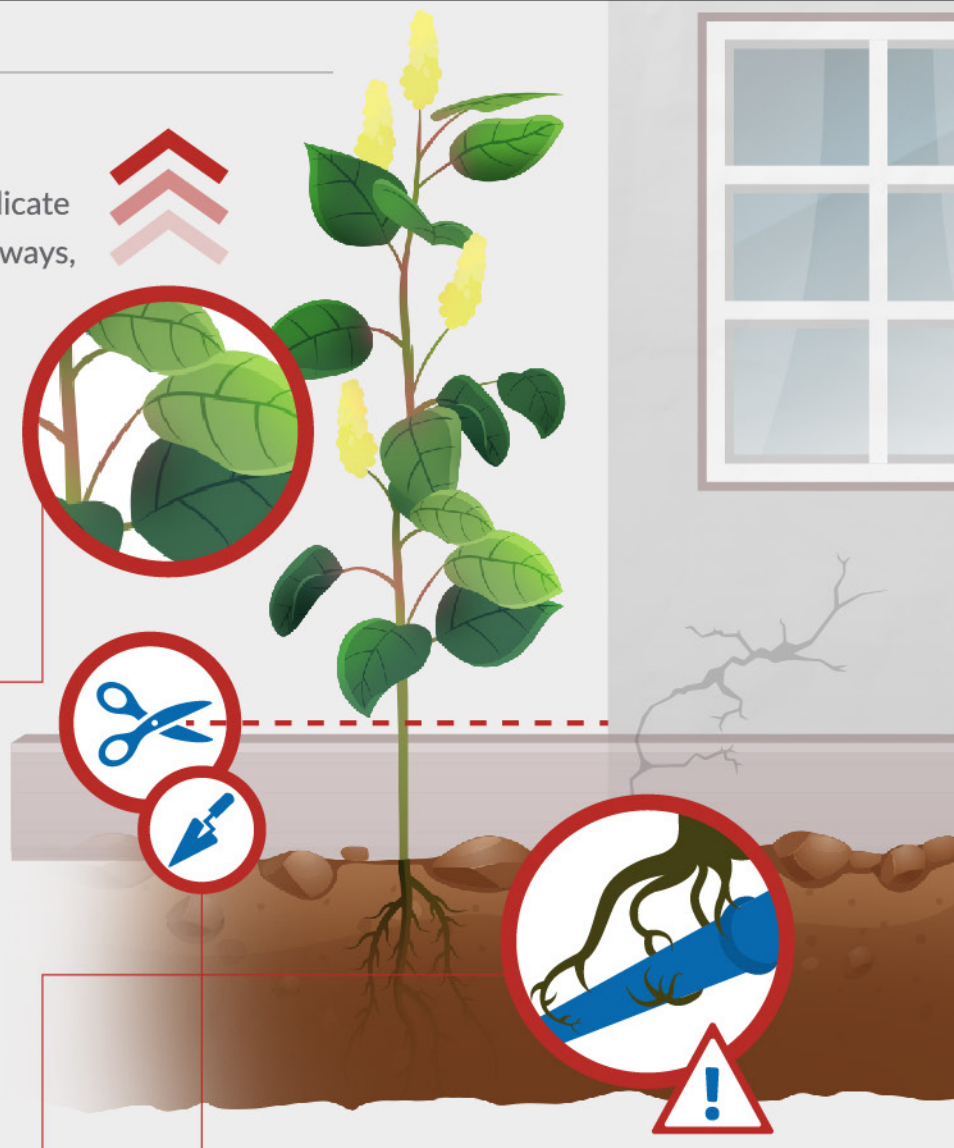
- Grows three inches per day
- Roots reach 20 feet deep
- Up to 10 feet tall
- Spreads up to 70 feet from nearest stem

## How To Identify Japanese Knotweed

- ✓ Green heart-shaped leaves
- ✓ Both stems and leaves have purple speckles
- ✓ Zigzag pattern of leaves on 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.