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Invasive Plants In Kahnawà:ke

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The Kahnawà:ke Environment Protection Office (KEPO) would like to inform the community about some of the invasive plant species within Kahnawà:ke. These species include Wild Parsnip, Japanese Knotweed, Garlic Mustard, Common Buckthorn and Phragmites, all of which are invasive and potentially toxic (*see photos page 2*). If there are invasive species on your property or plants you cannot identify and/or control, KEPO can provide advice on an eradication plan.

It is important to remember that invasive species should not be disposed of in backyard compost piles or in natural/wild areas as this will promote their spread. Different techniques can be used for different species but bagging in sturdy garbage bags and putting out with your household garbage is a good practice. KEPO can provide other options for your specific needs. Remember to always handle these plants with care to protect your health and prevent their spread.

If you would like to discuss safety tips and strategies on removing the plants, need help with identification or would simply like to inform KEPO of an infestation for tracking purposes, please contact the Kahnawà:ke Environment Protection Office at 450-635-0600.

