

Be Smart

ABOUT INVASIVE PLANTS

At GARDENWORKS we strive to recommend the “right plant for the right place”. Recently there has been considerable information available about the danger/hazard and spread of invasive plants - plants introduced to B.C. that have the ability to spread rapidly and impact native species and/or waterways.

Based on our experience as gardeners and research we have conducted, we have developed a list of plants that should not be cultivated or should be planted only in very confined situations.

BOTANICAL NAME

Hedera helix
Lamiastrum galeobdolon
Vinca minor
Cystisus scoparius
Ilex aquifolium
Daphne laureola
Iris pseudoacorus
*Buddleia davidii
*Aegopodium podgraria
*Prunus laurocerasus

COMMON NAME

English Ivy
Lamium, Dead Nettle
Periwinkle
Scot's Broom
English Holly
Spurge Laurel
Yellow Flag Iris
Butterfly Bush
Goutweed
Cherry Laurel

*These plants are listed on the Evergreen Invasive Plant List but not on the Greater Vancouver Invasive Plant Council List.

We have stopped the sale of most of the above plant species and none will be sold beginning in 2009. Our staff gardeners would be happy to recommend suitable alternatives. We also have found the following authoritative West Coast orientated web sites to be very helpful.

- Greater Vancouver Invasive Plant Council www.gvipc.ca
- Evergreen www.evergreen.ca
- Washington Invasive Species Council www.invasivespeciescoalition.org

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