

# Help stop the spread of invasive plants

Invasive plants are non-native plants that aggressively grow, spread and displace other beneficial native plants. Garlic mustard and buckthorn are prevalent in Minnetonka, but residents should also keep an eye out for these other species.

- **Asian bittersweet:** Long, woody vine with green leaves that turn yellow in fall, tiny greenish-white flowers and pea-size fruits that change from green to bright red with a yellow capsule; found smothering trees and shrubs.



- **Common tansy:** Stands roughly three feet high with flat-topped clusters of button-shaped yellow flowers; may cover acres, especially in disturbed sites with full sun.



- **Narrowleaf bittercress:** Forms a rosette of leaves (3-11 leaflets with rounded lobes) close to the ground in its first year; bolts and flowers (6-20 sharply toothed leaflets) in its second year; flourishes in shady and wooded areas.



- **Valerian:** also called Garden Heliotrope; 3-6 feet tall with clusters of pinkish-white, five-petaled flowers; wind catches hairs attached to the seeds; found in sun and shade along roadsides, ditches and woodland edges.



If you find any of these invasive plants, consider removing and replacing with native plants. Call 952-988-8423 for more information.