

Invasive Plants Law

The State of Delaware



The Law

The Delaware Invasive Plants Law, in effect July 1st, 2022, is being enacted to prohibit invasive plant species at their point of sale or delivery into the state. An invasive plant, as defined by the law, has the potential to result in widespread dispersal and establishment, out-compete other species in the same area, exhibit rapid growth or high seed or propagule productions, or become established in natural areas in the state. No person may import, export, buy, sell, transport, distribute, or propagate any viable portion, including seeds, of listed species.

Prohibited Species Include (but are not limited to):

Trees

1. Norway maple (*Acer platanoides*)
2. Callery pear (*Pyrus calleryana*)

Shrubs

3. Common privet (*Ligustrum vulgare*)
4. Japanese barberry (*Berberis thunbergii*)
5. Winged euonymus (*Euonymus alatus*)

Vine

6. Chinese wisteria (*Wisteria sinensis*)

Groundcovers

7. Periwinkle (*Vinca minor*)
8. English ivy (*Hedera helix*)
9. Japanese pachysandra (*Pachysandra terminalis*)

Water Plants

10. Floating Primrose Willow (*Ludwigia peploides* var. *galbrescens*)
11. Water hyacinth (*Piaropus crassipes*)
12. Parrot-feather (*Myriophyllum aquaticum*)

The Penalty

Should any person violate this chapter, they are subject to a civil penalty of \$50 to \$500 dollars for each proven occurrence. Said person will receive a written notice of the violation. All fines are payable to the Delaware Department of Agriculture.