



## *English Ivy chokes and kills!*

Trees give parks, yards and neighborhoods shade and character. English Ivy *looks* like a harmless little green plant but the invasive species strangles trees, accelerates rot, attracts mosquitoes and kills mature trees.

**Help Protect Our Trees!**

**No Experience Required**

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## English Ivy poses a dire threat to the beautiful trees of Northern Virginia. Thankfully, this invasive species can be vanquished in 3 simple steps!

Old tree-lined streets, neighborhood parks, shaded decks and secret gardens add comfort, beauty, and character to our lives. These unique spaces are special thanks to the incredible trees that enhance privacy, provide shade, and give character to the places we cherish.

Protect trees and property by cutting English Ivy away from imperiled trees. Follow these 3 simple steps, as recommended by arborists and horticulturists, to ensure the health and longevity of our beloved trees:



**1**

Use garden clippers to cut Ivy around the entire trunk of infested trees.



**2**

Once cut, leave Ivy on the tree! Removal may harm the tree. In time, the Ivy will gradually blend into the bark.



**3**

Remove Ivy from the ground around the base of the tree. Make a 2-foot "life saver ring" around the tree, protecting it from future infestations.

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## *Dangers of English Ivy*

- Ivy strangles trees. Ivy adds significant weight, causing mature trees to fall in storms and strong winds.
- Ivy blocks vital sunlight from reaching tree leaves and needles, robbing it of nutrients and water.
- Ivy accelerates tree rot by holding excess moisture and attracts mosquitoes.

Learn how to remove Ivy from your trees by visiting  
[www.TreeStewards.org](http://www.TreeStewards.org) or  
[www.ARMN.org](http://www.ARMN.org)