

Weeds along Waterways

Waterways can be a weedy mess where native plants struggle to survive.

Don't hurry to remove willows along waterways but vines and aggressive scrambling weeds such as honeysuckle and blackberry do need attention. Replace with a mix of fast growing native shrubs and trees to create an environment where weeds aren't welcome.



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On the farm, fencing and planting wetlands and stream banks benefits farm production, preventing stream bank erosion and improving water quality. The downside is that fenced, ungrazed areas can quickly be reinvaded by weeds spread by water, wind or wing.

Out-smart weeds by not allowing them the chance to establish.

- Remove aggressive weeds before you fence and plant.
- Remove any willows progressively as plantings establish.
- Plant native trees and shrubs densely so there is little room for weeds to grow.
- Keep any weeds under control until good plants are well established.
- Be selective in using sprays beside water.



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Make weeds unwelcome along waterways.

