

# Lake Advisory Commission Advisory

## JAPANESE KNOTWEED

**IS HIGHLY INVASIVE, DANGEROUS TO  
LAKES**

**AND, IS IN OUR MIDST**



Above: Plant with fall flowers. It grows rapidly up to 12 feet high

Right, above: Typical leaf

Right, below: Bamboo-like Stem



Knotweed is listed as highly invasive and is VERY difficult to totally remove. More than one year is normally required. Methods recommended are:

- 1) Cut stalks and cover area with heavy tarps. Several seasons without light will kill plant.
- 2) Inject herbicide in all stalks between the first and second joints.
- 3) Spray all leaves with a herbicide . Ortho's "Poison Ivy and Tough Brush Killer" has been demonstrated to be effective. Large plants may require more than one application.
- 4) Dig out all of the roots, leaving not even a small piece

None of these are easy but, until longer observation is possible, the Ortho product appears to work.

**This plant is seen thriving along Lake Ridge Drive and is being treated but there may be other outbreaks around the lake.** It demands immediate response to avoid finding it in the lake where it will flourish and be most difficult to remove.

**PLEASE SURVEY YOUR PROPERTY AND TAKE ACTION**