

GARDEN ENEMY # 1

BINDWEED Best Time to Tackle is Spring

Gardeners must be vigilant against this highly invasive plant. Now is the time to remove it before plants get too overgrown and it becomes difficult to reach and remove. Consistent treatment is necessary to eradicate, in some cases repeatedly for years. This frustrating evil cousin of morning glory is a vine whose leaf (2-3") is pointy at the end that will wrap itself around anything nearby choking it. Don't let this delicate looking plant fool you. Once established it is extremely difficult to contain and remove. Best to dig deeply and get to the ROOT, it can go as deep as 12" and try to remove the surrounding soil as best you can. If you pull out without digging, expect it to come back to bother you repeatedly. Do not let it go to flower which will lead to seeds and start spreading to you and your neighbor's plots.

DO NOT THROW IN COMPOST- PUT IN TRASH So be sure to check the spot during the season where it appeared, because it will likely come back until you've weakened/removed the root completely. If you need help identifying please ask a Board member or seasoned gardener. For more information: Google - Bindweed by Karen Lee 5.31.17



Baby-small butterfly shape

Adolescent



Mature-heart shape

Mature Flower