

JAPANESE BARBERRY (*Berberis thunbergii*)

Why I am *NOT* your friend...

1. I help spread Lyme disease

(Top researchers at the Agricultural Experiment Station proved there are up to 7 times more deer ticks on property that has barberry compared to land without)

2. I make CT less hospitable to our native trees and plants

(By altering soil pH and Nitrogen contents and overcrowding the forest floor)

3. I form a monoculture, which negatively impacts the whole system.

(Now that we are all in quarantine, we love noticing a diversity of birds and pollinators. Barberry doesn't help our non-human friends, so it is NO FRIEND OF OURS!)



Get... me... *outta here!*

- repeated (monthly) cutting to ground (could take a year)
- dig up the whole darn plant (great to get out frustration)
- cut and apply Round Up to exposed stems
- cut and use blow torch to kill the plant
- cuttings should be burned or bagged for disposal
- after removal, replace with a native plant (for inspiration visit: pollinator-pathway.org & audubon.org/native-plants)

I am still being sold in nurseries. Warn your friends.