Avoid purchasing 10 of Yukon’s most unwanted horticulture plants and choose the recommended alternatives instead.

**Siberian Peashrub** (*Caragana arborescens*)

**Mountain Bluet** (*Centaurea montana*)

**Leafy Spurge** (*Euphorbia esula*)

**Haskap** (*Lonicera caerulea*)

**Villosa Lilac** (*Syringa villosa*)

**Alpine Aster** (*Aster alpinus*)

**Radbeckias** (*Rudbeckia spp.*)

**Wallflowers** (*Erysimum spp.*)

**Orange Hawkweed** (*Hieracium aurantiacum*)

**Common Toadflax** (*Linaria vulgaris*)

**Gazania** (*Gazania spp.*)

**Annual Snapdragons** (*Antirrhinum spp.*)

**Dalmatian Toadflax** (*Linaria dalmatica*)

**Bladder Campion** (*Silene vulgaris*)

**Marigolds** (*Tagetes spp.*)

**Bird Vetch** (*Vicia cracca*)

**Wildflower mixes** (Pre-packaged)

**Speedwells** (*Veronica spp.*)

**Cranesbills** (*Geranium spp.*)

Many “Wildflower” mixes contain seeds of non-native plant species, which may be invasive. Contents are rarely listed accurately by scientific names. The wide variety of common names used for some plants add to the confusion. Never purchase a seed mix without the packet being clearly labeled with scientific names.

Support the Be Plant Wise Program!
A small number of non-native plants are invasive. They spread by roots or seeds into natural areas, reducing the diversity of native plants and animals. Gardeners and the horticulture industry are working together to stop the introduction and spread of invasive species in the Yukon.
Why eliminate invasive plants from your garden?

Some plants from other parts of the globe, originally introduced as garden flowers, for landscapes, or for their medicinal or food value, have jumped the garden fence to become invasive in the natural environment. Without natural predators, there is no check in place to limit their spread. These invaders cause environmental and habitat degradation, and social and economic loss. They threaten the biodiversity of our native habitat and endanger wildlife.

Steps to plant wise gardening

• Check reliable local sources before you plant.
• Ask your local garden centre or a local horticulture expert.
• Check out www.yukoninvasives.com.
• Trade only plants and seeds you know are non-invasive.
• Use local suppliers only.
• Avoid collecting pretty “wildflowers” from roadsides or natural areas. Many are aggressive invasive plants.

What can you do?

• Dispose of garden waste responsibly: Don’t “recycle” garden debris by dumping into green spaces.
• Control fast growers: Replace fast-spreading invaders or at least keep them contained.
• Remove flowers and seed pods of known invasive plants to help stop the spread of invasives.
• Dispose of invasive plants properly – in clear plastic bags and let them roast in the sun. Bring to your local landfill, never compost.
• Choose plants wisely: Be suspicious of plants promoted as “fast spreaders” or “vigorous self-seeder”.

Be Plant Wise!

Support the “Grow Me Instead program

Local suppliers show their support for this program by identifying non-invasive plants with this label. These varieties can be planted in good conscience.

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