

NORWAY MAPLE

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Norway maple invades Vermont's forests. They are easy to see in the fall when their leaves turn a golden yellow color.

DID YOU KNOW?

Norway maple (*Acer platanoides*) provides breeding habitat to another invasive species, the Asian long horned beetle (*Anoplophora glabripennis*), an insect that threatens to significantly reduce North American hardwood stands. Research shows that female




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beetles live longer and produce a greater amount of fertile eggs on Norway maples than on the native red maple (*Acer rubrum*).


— *Environmental Entomology*, 2002

 Norway maple

 large, glossy leaves with up to 7 lobes

 wide-angled fruit

 regularly grooved bark

 milky, white sap

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For small plants:

 Hand pull plants. Let roots dry completely before composting.


For large plants:

 Girdle plants in the winter. Using a 2-3 centimeter saw cut through the bark and first tissue layer around the entire tree base. Cut another ring 6 inches above the previous cut.

For large plants (continued):

 Cut large trees at base with chainsaw or handsaw. Repeat cuts twice a year, in the spring and fall, will reduce plant vigor.

— or —

 Cut stumps may be dabbed with a 20% glyphosate herbicide, such as Round-Up® or Rodeo®, solution. Glyphosate should not be applied to wetland areas.

Read herbicide label before using.



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red maple
Acer rubrum



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sugar maple
Acer saccharum



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white ash
Fraxinus americana



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American basswood
Tilia americana