

THE BLACK SWALLOW-WORT

If you find Black Swallow-Wort on your own property:

Dig up the plant with entire root system, put it in a sealed plastic bag and dispose of it in the trash. *Do NOT put into yard waste bags or in your compost!* The roots will resprout and seeds are not destroyed in composting operations.



FLOWERS:

Small, purple, star-shaped



LEAVES:

Shiny, green, come in pairs, quickly winding around fences/shrubs



ROOTS:

White & fleshy tentacles that break off easily



SEED PODS:

Pull when pods are still slim, smooth And green before they open **Be careful pulling brown, papery pods that have already opened up - Mature seeds easily escape!*

WALTHAM RECYCLING DEPARTMENT - POD PATROL

Spread the word, not the Weed



**INVASIVE PLANT - PUT PODS OR PLANTS (WITH ROOTS)
IN SEALED PLASTIC BAG AND *PUT IN THE TRASH***



DO NOT PUT PODS OR PLANTS IN YARD WASTE OR COMPOST