



EcoNugget

What is Invasive Phragmites? Why is it a problem?

- **Invasive Phragmites** (European Common Reed) is an aggressive perennial grass growing up to 5 metres tall that quickly crowds out native vegetation.
- **It releases toxins** from its roots into the soil that slows the growth of and kills surrounding plants.
- The very dense patches are **poor habitat and food sources** for wildlife.
- **Do not plant** invasive Phragmites. Native Phragmites has a similar appearance and doesn't pose an ecological risk. Use native plant alternatives whenever possible.
- **Do not compost** invasive Phragmites. Seeds and rhizomes (roots) can survive and grow in compost.
- **For more information** about invasive, non-native plants, go to [Ontario Invasive Plant Council](#)

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