

# The City of Brampton is updating the GRASS AND WEED CUTTING BY-LAW!

The by-law update will aim to give residents more freedom over their approach to gardening.


This update recognizes that:


1. Homeowners can help protect the natural environment through establishing various garden styles on their property.
2. The various garden styles can improve:
  - urban agriculture,
  - biodiversity,
  - pollinator habitats,
  - reduce stormwater runoff, and
  - increase the conservation of resources.

## Natural Gardens

Homeowners may choose to incorporate natural gardens on their property, providing benefits such as:

 The restoration of native habitats that have been ruined by rapid urbanization, including pollinator habitats

Providing food, shelter, and water for native species 

 Reduction in maintenance needs, water use, pesticide use and GHG emissions from equipment.

## Prohibited Plants

As part of the by-law update, the City will create a list of local noxious and invasive plant species that will supplement the Provincial Noxious Weeds List. The City is currently exploring species, such as:



Purple loosestrife (*Lythrum salicaria*)



Phragmites (*Phragmites australis subsp. australis*)



Garlic Mustard (*Alliaria petiolata*)



Japanese knotweed (*Reynoutria japonica var. japonica*)

## Requirements

As part of the update, the following will be enforced to ensure proper property maintenance:

1. Removal of prohibited plants.
2. Trimming vegetation outside of identifiable gardens (excluding trees and shrubs) if over 20 cm.
3. Trimming vegetation that obstructs traffic, site lines, and/or compromises safety.

