

**CHECKLIST  
MASSACHUSETTS PROHIBITED PLANTS**

- ✓ Do not grow or sell plants identified as either noxious and/or invasive. The Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources (MDAR) bans the importation and sale of more than 140 plants identified as either noxious and/or invasive in the Commonwealth.
- ✓ See the list of plant material (effective 1/1/06) that is in Appendix A and is also available on the MDAR website  
[http://www.mass.gov/agr/farmproducts/Prohibited\\_Plant\\_Index2.htm](http://www.mass.gov/agr/farmproducts/Prohibited_Plant_Index2.htm)
- ✓ For more information, see *Strategic Recommendations for Managing Invasive Plants in Massachusetts*  
[http://www.mass.gov/dfwele/dfw/nhesp/conservation/pdf/invasive\\_plant\\_strategicplan.pdf](http://www.mass.gov/dfwele/dfw/nhesp/conservation/pdf/invasive_plant_strategicplan.pdf)



**Purple loosestrife *Lythrum salicaria*, is a common invasive plant in Massachusetts.**

Photo: Randy Prostak, UMass Extension

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The Massachusetts Invasive Plant Advisory Group (MIPAG) represents numerous public and private interests working together since 1999 to develop an effective response to the problem of invasive plant species. The MIPAG offers its strategic recommendations to prevent, control and, where possible, eradicate invasive plant species in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. These recommendations complement efforts at both the regional and national levels to establish an early detection and rapid response system for invasive plants.

### **Reference**

*Strategic Recommendations for Managing Invasive Plants in Massachusetts*

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