

Destruction Options for Planted Unsolicited Seed

Potted seeds/plants:

1. Remove the plants (including soil) and place inside a plastic bag. Use the thickest plastic bag available. Squeeze as much air out of the bag as possible. Seal the bag.
2. Place inside a second plastic bag. Squeeze as much air out of the bag as possible. Seal second bag.
3. Dispose of the double-bagged plant material/soil into trash, do not compost.
4. Dispose of the planting container in 2 trash bags as described above (recommended). Or:
5. Remove as much soil as possible from inside the pot with a paper towel.
6. Wash the planting container with soap and water to remove dirt.
7. Soak the planting container in a 10% bleach solution for 30 minutes, rinse and refrain from planting new material in the container for 12 months.
8. Collect runoff from washing the planting container and put it down the drain or toilet.

Seeds/plants sowed in ground:

1. Remove the plants including the surrounding soil, including 3 inches of soil around the seeds/plants.
2. Where seed germination has not occurred, remove the soil presumed to contain the planted seeds.
3. Place plant and soil material inside a plastic bag. Use the thickest plastic bag you have available. Squeeze as much air out of the bag as possible. Seal the bag.
4. Place inside a second plastic bag. Squeeze as much air out of the bag as possible. Seal second bag.
5. Dispose of the double-bagged plant material/soil into trash, do not compost.
6. Refrain from planting new plants in the affected area for 12 months and remove any plants that grow in the area.