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## Important Healthy Landscape Pointers

Here are three important considerations when buying plants to create your ecologically beneficial garden, yard or "yarden"

### Invasive Jumping/Snake/Crazy Worms

We have an invasive creature in our midst, jumping worms. You'll recognize them by their:

- "strong, rigid muscular body",
- collar that is "milky white collar that is smooth and flat"
- "grey/brown/purple color with a metallic sheen".\*

And you'll recognize the destruction they leave behind: coarse granular, dry soil with no humus. "These earthworms are wriggling their way across the United States, voraciously devouring protective forest leaf litter and leaving behind bare, denuded soil. They displace other earthworms, centipedes, salamanders and ground-nesting birds, and disrupt forest food chains. They (are)changing soil chemistry and microbial communities as they go, new research shows. They don't even need mates to reproduce."

Unfortunately this strongly suggests that sharing plants for the time being is not a good idea. Even rinsing bare root plants in a safe location can spread the tiny eggs elsewhere.

\*[https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/CAES/DOCUMENTS/Publications/Fact\\_Sheets/Entomology/Jumping-worms-in-Connecticut.pdf](https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/CAES/DOCUMENTS/Publications/Fact_Sheets/Entomology/Jumping-worms-in-Connecticut.pdf)

\*\*<https://awaytogarden.com/invasive-asian-jumping-worms-a-2019-research-update-with-brad-herrick-of-uw-madison/>

<https://extension.unh.edu/blog/invasive-spotlight-jumping-worms>

### Preventing Pollinator Poisoning

Studies now show that neonicotinoids and other systemic pesticides are devastating bees and butterflies. Many or all of the systemic chemicals you can purchase at your

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