

## Successful 3 March 2019 Community Center Woods Parks/Trails Work Party



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Ivy is not native to the Pacific NW and is harmful to trees. Here is why we cut it:

1. Trees and ivy rely on the same supply of water and nutrients. Because ivy can be more aggressive, there's a chance the tree isn't getting its fair share of nutrition.
2. Ivy growth crowds tree branches, blocking sunlight trees need to make food.
3. Vines can weigh a tree branch down, making it more likely to topple in a storm.
4. Over time, an ivy invasion weakens a tree, making it a target for opportunistic pests.

The ivy will now slowly wither on the tree, becoming a skeletal reminder of an unwelcome invader.

