



## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

### **BAMBOO**

**Q: Am I allowed to grow bamboo on my property? Is my neighbor allowed to grow bamboo on their property?**

A: Private property owners are permitted to grow bamboo on their property, under certain conditions. The root structure of bamboo is not permitted to grow within 10 feet of any pavement, sidewalk or public road within the Township. Bamboo is permitted to grow up to the property lines separating private properties, but the bamboo owner is required to contain the bamboo on their property, as outlined in the Township Code.

**Q. Can bamboo be contained on my property and if so, how?**

A. Yes, bamboo can be contained on your property, but due to the great costs involved in its removal/remediation, it is recommended that you consult an expert for advice.

**Q: My neighbor has bamboo on their property that is coming onto my property. What can I do?**

A: A property owner may have a private cause of action against a neighboring property owner that allows bamboo to cross onto their property or otherwise fails to properly contain the bamboo on their property. You should consult an attorney to determine your rights regarding bamboo encroaching from your neighbor's property.

**Q: Can the Township take care of the bamboo problem on my property or on my neighbor's property?**

A: No, the Township can only take care of a bamboo problem if the bamboo is encroaching on public pavement, sidewalk or public road. Bamboo encroaching onto private property from another private property is a dispute between the property owners. The Township can cite the offending property owner under the Township Code, but the property owners are responsible for their own properties.

**Q: My neighbor can't afford to take care of the bamboo. What can I do?**

A: You are entitled to install the containment methods outlined in the Township Code at your property line at your expense.

**Q: My neighbor allowed bamboo to encroach onto my property, and that bamboo has now spread to a neighboring property from my property. Who is responsible?**

A: Both you and your neighbor are responsible. While your neighbor should not have allowed bamboo to encroach onto your property, you are responsible for ensuring that the bamboo does not encroach onto other properties from your property.