

Welcome to my weekly series!

ask the landscape professional

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Feel free to send me questions you'd like to have me answer and I will do my best to address the ones of most general interest. **Email or mail your questions to:**

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Linda's Information This Week: *Several months ago, I wrote about the serious dangers of having bamboo in our community. On May 24, 2013, the Connecticut Nursery & Landscape Association issued the following report about action being taken at the Connecticut State level regarding bamboo.*



"The State Legislature has passed the Bamboo Bill & sent it to the Governor for his expected signature. The new law makes people liable for failing to contain "running bamboo" (in the genus *Phyllostachys*, including yellow-groove bamboo) on their property beginning October 1, 2013. It requires a 100-foot setback from abutting property and a public right of way for running bamboo planted after that date, unless it is properly contained. It also requires people who sell or install running bamboo to educate customers on the plant's growing habits, the bill's provisions, and recommend containment methods. The bill subjects violators of its (1) setback or containment provisions to a \$100 fine and (2) education requirement to a \$100 fine for each plant. Fines may be mailed to the Central Infractions Bureau without a court appearance. Lastly, the bill (1) requires environmental conservation officers to enforce the setback, containment, and education requirements and (2) authorizes the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, any duly authorized municipal constable, municipal tree warden, zoning enforcement officer, or inland wetlands and watercourses enforcement officer to do the same."

I strongly recommend:

- 1) that you stay away from ALL TYPES of BAMBOO and***
- 2) if you need either complete removal of bamboo or installation of containment barriers, call Sprigs & Twigs; we have done both.***

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