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Repurpose Invasive Vines for a Natural Trellis

Materials:

Twisted (dead)
Bittersweet Vines
Copper-coated hanging
strap
Copper wire
Wire cutters
Drill & Screws

Control of harmful invasive species like Asiatic Bittersweet is important to protect the local ecology. But there's no reason you can't repurpose these old interesting (and dead) twisted vines! We selected the biggest lengths of vines we could find.



We started with the straightest, sturdiest pieces to construct the base. The more curved pieces were used for connection pieces and to create arches.

The copper strapping is used to secure the vines to the wall. You'll find that the curvature of the vines makes these points of contact where the strapping can be applied.





Connect pieces of vine with the copper wire.

You can weave smaller, more flexible vines through the larger ones.

Be creative!



Now your trellis is ready! Peas, pole beans, cukes, nasturtiums or any annual climber planted at the base of trellis will take to the trellis.

Watch them grow, adding to the charm of your creation of repurposed invasive vines.



Come see our repurposed bittersweet trellis and
APCC's Living Landscape Laboratory.

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