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We study radial solutions with finite exit radius of semilinear elliptic PDEs involving an integer power of the Laplacian and a power-type nonlinearity with exponent greater than 1. Depending on the sign and monotonicity of the nonlinearity, two very different types of blow-up behavior are observed. Type-1 solutions diverge to infinity or negative-infinity; their blow-up profile is by now fairly well understood. Type-2 solutions, which do not occur in the classical second-order case, are unbounded from above and from below, oscillating wildly with ever-increasing amplitude and frequency; details of their blow-up behavior are just beginning to emerge. Our analysis employs dynamical-systems methods, applied to an associated system of asymptotically autonomous ODEs. (Received January 31, 2015)