

Why it's harmful

- › Grows through asphalt and concrete causing severe property damage.
- › Threatens biodiversity as it spreads quickly and out-competes native vegetation.

How to control it

Knotweed is a difficult plant to eradicate as it can regenerate from the smallest fragment of root, stem, or seed. No matter which control method is chosen, multiple treatments will be required to have any impact on an infestation. It is important to remove this weed immediately.

Manual Control

Manual control is not recommended as it could cause further spread.

If you chose to cut or pull the stems, leave them to dry to a crisp on a tarp or asphalt before composting. You could also take the stems to a composting facility for a fee. You must advise the composting facility that you are disposing of knotweed.

Herbicide Control

Herbicides containing glyphosphate as the active ingredient are known to be effective in eradicating knotweeds.

These herbicides can either be sprayed on the undersides of the leaves or injected into the stems to be effective. Herbicide application is best done by a qualified professional to ensure both your personal and environmental safety. Visit www.fviss.ca/contractors for a list of weed control contactors.

Who's responsible

The Province of BC's Weed Control Act, designates Knotweeds as a "noxious" weed. This means it is non-native and can cause significant economic and environmental loss. It also means that all property owners are legally obligated to control it when it is on their land.

FVRD Invasive Weed Control Program

- › The FVRD Weed Control Program targets Knotweeds, Giant Hogweed, Tansy Ragwort and Wild Chervil on public roadsides in Abbotsford, Chilliwack and Electoral Areas C, D, E, G and H.
- › For more information on invasive weeds found in the region, email the Fraser Valley Invasive Species Society at info@fviss.ca or call 778-548-3847.



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Knotweed



What it looks like

Stems

- ✿ Hollow, resemble bamboo; young shoots resemble asparagus
- ✿ Mature stems are green. Young stems are reddish-purple
- ✿ Upright growth in dense thickets



Flowers

- ✿ Small greenish-white, grow in plume-like clusters
- ✿ Appear in July and August



Leaf

- ✿ Broad, oval-shaped
- ✿ 3-6" long and 2-5" wide with pointed tips
- ✿ Hairless on the underside

