

Portsmouth Department of Public Works



The Portsmouth Department of Public Works Urban Forestry division has identified Japanese knotweed (*Reynoutria japonica*) on or near this property. Considered one of the most invasive plants in the world, it spreads very easily if not controlled or treated with concern.

Japanese knotweed outcompetes native species for water, sunlight and nutrients, it chemically alters the soil, and regenerates aggressively. Please help limit the spread of this plant to sites that are not yet impacted by following the suggestions on the back of this notice.



Scan the QR code for more information.
("Preventing the Spread of Japanese knotweed, Best Management Practices"
NH Dept. of Agriculture, Markets & Food.)

Public Works Arborist Foreman: (603) 610-7305



Japanese knotweed Do's & Don'ts

Dry and burn (as permitted) all removed plant material onsite or secure it in a thick plastic trash bag for regular trash collection.

Do not discard Japanese knotweed plant material in roadside yard waste pick-up or the yard waste disposal area of the Recycling Center.

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The most effective control of Japanese knotweed is the application of the chemical glyphosate. Other less effective treatment options include removing the stalks and smothering the stumps with a thick layer of mulch and a black plastic weed barrier. Removal of the plant, including the entire root system, is very difficult and must be disposed of as directed above.