

Invasive Species and Toxic Plant Disposal Options for Practitioners and Commercial Customers

Please consult [these best management practices](#) for advice on the prevention and control of priority invasive species. To reduce the risk of further spread, it is often best to **leave the material on site** to desiccate rather than transporting it to a disposal facility. If on site disposal is not possible for your situation, please consult this list of disposal facilities.

The following list is intended for use by practitioners and commercial customers, not by residents. Residents who wish to dispose of invasive plants or soil containing invasive species should contact their municipality directly for disposal advice. Some municipalities ask residents to place them in the green bin, some the garbage bin. Residents should not put invasive plants in their backyard composter as the temperature will not become hot enough to destroy the seeds or hardy roots.

The information provided in this list is intended for educational purposes only. **This publication is not intended to endorse or recommend any particular product, material or service provider nor is it intended as a substitute for engineering, legal, or other professional advice.** The list will be updated from time to time, but practitioners and commercial customers should **always contact the facilities beforehand to confirm they can properly handle the material.** Please contact icentre@metrovancouver.org if you have any questions, or you find any broken links or out-of-date information in this list.

Soil, Sod, or Plants with Soil Infested with Invasive Species

Material	Location	Address	Phone
Plants with soil or soil-related matter attached from within the Japanese beetle regulated areas in Vancouver, Burnaby, and Port Coquitlam	<p>Contact the Canadian Food Inspection Agency Before moving plants with soil or soil-related matter attached outside the Japanese beetle regulated areas in Vancouver, Burnaby, and Port Coquitlam, contact the Canadian Food Inspection Agency at BCPF.Japanese.Beetle@inspection.gc.ca or 604-292-5742. More information</p> <p>As of May 5, 2023, the movement of soil alone and above-ground plant material (e.g. cut flowers, yard trimmings, etc.) outside of the regulated areas is no longer restricted.</p>	N/A	604-292-5742
	<p>Vancouver Landfill and Recycling Depot Accepts Japanese beetle mixed waste (soil and biomass) for burial (there is a fee). A Waste Assessment Form and an Application Form for Movement Certification by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) are required. Does not accept soil portion without biomass.</p>		
Soil or sod infested with European chafer beetles, European	<p>Vancouver Landfill and Recycling Depot Accepts soil infested with European chafer beetle and fire ants for deep burial only. A Waste Assessment Form must be completed.</p>	5400 72nd Street, Delta, BC	3-1-1 or 604-873-7000 (from outside Vancouver)

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fire ants, or giant hogweed	Envirogreen Technologies Ltd. Princeton Accepts soil infested with European chafer beetles or giant hogweed for thermal treatment. Biomass must be separated and disposed of elsewhere. A completed and approved Waste Approval Application is required before scheduling loads.	1901 Hwy 3, Princeton, BC	604-888-6048 or 1-844-688-6048 (toll-free)
Soil infested with knotweeds	Vancouver Landfill and Recycling Depot Accepts soil infested with knotweeds for deep burial only. A Waste Assessment Form must be completed.	5400 72nd Street, Delta, BC	3-1-1 or 604-873-7000 (from outside Vancouver)
	Saskay Earth Exchange Ltd Accepts soil infested with invasive species (including roots). Call the facility beforehand for rates and special soil testing requirements.	2650 Pitt River Rd, Port Coquitlam, BC	778-801-1701
	Envirogreen Technologies Ltd. Princeton Accepts soil portion for thermal treatment, biomass must be separated and disposed of elsewhere. A completed and approved Waste Approval Application is required before scheduling loads.	1901 Hwy 3, Princeton, BC	604-888-6048 or 1-844-688-6048 (toll-free)

Invasive Species or Toxic Plant Material

Material	Location	Address	Phone
Toxic Plants (includes giant hogweed, daphne/spurge laurel, and devil's club)	Metro Vancouver's Waste-to-Energy facility Accepts dedicated loads of double-bagged and sealed toxic plants if customers have: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-approval from Solid Waste Services (contact weighscalesystem@metrovancover.org or 604-451-6185); • A commercial account with Metro Vancouver; and • A self-unloading vehicle. 	5150 Riverbend Drive, Burnaby, BC	604-432-6200
	Vancouver Landfill and Recycling Depot Accepts double-bagged toxic plants for deep burial only (additional charge). A Waste Assessment Form must be completed.	5400 72nd Street, Delta, BC	3-1-1 or 604-873-7000 (from outside Vancouver)



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Knotweeds	Metro Vancouver Recycling and Waste Centres Small loads accepted as Garbage, please contact Solid Waste Services (weighscalesystem@metrovancover.org) for further information and guidelines.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Langley Recycling and Waste Centre • Maple Ridge Recycling and Waste Centre • North Shore Recycling and Waste Centre • North Surrey Recycling and Waste Centre • United Boulevard Recycling and Waste Centre • Central Surrey Recycling and Waste Centre 	604-432-6200
	Metro Vancouver's Waste-to-Energy facility Accepts dedicated loads of knotweeds and other noxious weeds if customers have: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-approval from Solid Waste Services (contact weighscalesystem@metrovancover.org or 604-451-6185); • A commercial account with Metro Vancouver; and • A self-unloading vehicle. 	5150 Riverbend Drive, Burnaby, BC	604-432-6200
	Vancouver Landfill and Recycling Depot Accepts knotweeds for deep burial only (additional charge). Loads must be bagged or tarped before transporting to the Vancouver Landfill. A Waste Assessment Form must be completed.	5400 72nd Street, Delta, BC	3-1-1 or 604-873-7000 (from outside Vancouver)
Other invasive plants	Metro Vancouver Recycling and Waste Centres Accepts yard trimmings in the Green Waste area for industrial composting.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Langley Recycling and Waste Centre • Maple Ridge Recycling and Waste Centre • North Shore Recycling and Waste Centre • North Surrey Recycling and Waste Centre • United Boulevard Recycling and Waste Centre • Central Surrey Recycling and Waste Centre 	604-432-6200
	Net Zero Waste Accepts yard trimmings for industrial composting. No soil or rocks.	5050 Gladwin Road, Abbotsford, BC	604-557-7065



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	Vancouver Landfill and Recycling Depot Accepts invasive plants for deep burial only (additional charge). Loads must be bagged or tarped before transporting to the facility. A Waste Assessment Form must be completed.	5400 72nd Street, Delta, BC	3-1-1 or 604-873-7000 (from outside Vancouver)

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