

## What is Japanese Knotweed, and how can I get rid of it?



Originally imported as an ornamental in the late 1800s, Japanese knotweed was recognized decades later as one of the most tenacious, aggressive and invasive plants ever imported to the Western Hemisphere.

Knotweed is a large, clump-forming, with 4- to 12-foot-tall canes giving a bamboo like displaces native vegetation due to its aggressive stands that crowd out all other vegetation, and animal habitat. It is difficult to control vigorous rhizomes that form a deep, dense mat. It can grow through asphalt. If attempts are made to dig it up, plants can resprout from stem or root fragments. Seeds and fragments will sprout on damp earth. New roots can reach out to 60 feet or more and grow through asphalt and even into houses.



herbaceous perennial appearance. Knotweed growth. It forms dense degrading native plant because of extremely

Eliminating knotweed will be a long-term process with repeated effort for several years. We will coach you through the process. Through education and identification and community-wide efforts, we hope one day Rockport will become free of this noxious weed.

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Add a link here to our *Overview to Knotweed Treatment Options*

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### ***King County [WA State] Noxious Weed Control***

<http://your.kingcounty.gov/dnrp/library/water-and-land/weeds/BMPs/Knotweed-Control.pdf>

### ***Montana State University Extension Service:***

<http://msuextension.org/publications/AgandNaturalResources/EB0196.pdf>

New England Wildflower Society, <http://www.newfs.org/protect/invasive-plants/removal/common-invasives-management.html>