

Japanese Knotweed

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Question

Where Japanese Knotweed is found on a site what action should be taken?

Considerations

- Although Japanese Knotweed has a vigorous growth and can be difficult to eradicate, it has not been found to cause structural damage.
- It can grow through, and cause damage to, paved and tarmaced surfaces.
- There is strict legislation regarding its management and disposal.

Answer

Where Japanese Knotweed is found on a site advice on its control and disposal can be found at websites of the following organisations that operate Codes of Practice and/or Technical Standards for dealing with invasive species:-

Environment Agency at <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/environment-agency>

INNSA - Invasive Non-Native Specialists Association at <http://www.innsa.org/information>

PCA - Property Care Association at <http://www.property-care.org/homeowners/invasive-weed-control/>