

TAKING CONTROL WITH FACT SHEET



JAPANESE KNOTWEED

Common name: Japanese Knotweed (*Fallopia japonica*)

Did you know:

- It is illegal to plant or to encourage the growth of Japanese Knotweed
- Japanese Knotweed can grow as high as 3m
- Mortgage applications have been turned down as a result of finding Japanese Knotweed on or located nearby a property.

Location:

Japanese Knotweed is the most invasive species of plant in Britain and it spreads extremely quickly, preventing native vegetation from growing. It can quickly overrun gardens and hedgerows and is common along riverbanks, embankments and road verges.



Japanese Knotweed is a large (2-3m high) bamboo like plant with distinct nodes and large wide heart shaped leaves. It produces creamy small flowers in July/ August and has a very robust creeping mass root system, which can extend up to 2m underground. In winter the stems turn brown and the soil becomes visible, which gives an increased risk of erosion. Even young shoots can grow through fairly resistant surfaces like tarmac so damage to surfaces and buildings can be significant.



Controlling Japanese Knotweed:

Once identified, homeowners are required by law to remove Japanese Knotweed. This may be difficult as the root system can reach up to 2m and each node can reproduce a new plant if left behind. The uprooted plant also requires very careful disposal and cannot be put in green garden bins or composted.

Roundup recommends:

Control Japanese Knotweed with Roundup Tree Stump and Root Killer:

Application

When there are only a limited amount of stems to treat, the best solution is to cut the stem (20-30 cm high) in early autumn, hollow out the stem with a screwdriver and use the applicator provided to inject a high dose of Roundup Tree Stump and Root Killer (see label) into the stem. This is the best way to treat Japanese Knotweed when it is growing in between plants you want to keep.



Roundup Tree Stump and Root Killer

It is also possible to spray Japanese Knotweed if the stems are not too high. Best practice is to spray the underneath of the leaves at the top of the plant and the top of the leaves lower down the plant. Roundup Tree Stump and Root Killer can also be painted on to leaves in the same way. This may require an additional treatment the following year.

TIP

Large infestations require an integrated approach with spring and summer cuttings, followed by treatment with Roundup Tree Stump and Root Killer in the autumn. This may also have to be repeated the following year.

Roundup Tree Stump and Root Killer benefits

- Kills tree stumps, standing trees, saplings and more resistant, deep rooted weeds such as Japanese Knotweed.
- Works for either coniferous or deciduous trees.
- Easy to use dispensing bottle for correct mixture every time.
- Applied with brush.



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