

## How to Borrow a Knotweed Stem-Injector

### 1. Get trained

- a. Watch our knotweed control videos and take our online quiz
  - i. [Invasive knotweed control videos: Fallopia or Polygonum species - King County, Washington](#)
  - ii. [Knotweed Injector Quiz \(office.com\)](#)

### 2. Once you have submitted the quiz there will be a link to the sign-up form.

- a. Sign up to reserve an injector for ten days
  - i. if available, multiple injectors can be borrowed
  - ii. if available, the ten-day reservation can be extended
- b. Sign up for a time slot to pick up an injector
- c. Sign up for a time slot to return the injector
- d. **Note: noxious weed control program is teleworking, scheduling a time to pick up and drop off the injector is required to assure a staff member will be in the office**
- e. Any questions? Contact us at [knotweed.injectors@kingcounty.gov](mailto:knotweed.injectors@kingcounty.gov)

### 3. Wait until the knotweed is big enough

- a. The best time is between July and October, prior to first frost—later is better
- b. Stems need to be at least ½ inch wide
- c. If you have been cutting your knotweed down regularly, it may not be big enough to inject this year – check with us first
- d. In some circumstances, another control method may be more appropriate – consult our Best Management Practices ([King County Best Management Practices - Invasive Knotweeds - Bohemian Knotweed, Japanese Knotweed, Giant Knotweed, Himalayan Knotweed \(Polygonum bohemicum, P. cuspidatum, P. sachalinense, P. polystachyum\)](#)) or contact us for recommendations

### 4. Get some herbicide (active ingredient: glyphosate)

- a. If knotweed is in an upland area (not next to water and not in a wetland) you can choose between:
  - i. Roundup Pro Concentrate or Roundup Pro Max (don't use pre-diluted products)
    1. Available at most hardware, garden and farm supply stores and granges
  - ii. Aquaneat, Roundup Custom for Aquatic & Terrestrial Use, or Rode

- b. If knotweed is in water, near to water, or in a wetland:
    - i. You will need a WSDA pesticide applicator's license with an aquatic endorsement and a NPDES aquatic noxious weed permit from WA Department of Ecology
    - ii. You can only use aquatic labeled herbicides like Aquaneat, Roundup Custom for Aquatic & Terrestrial Use, or Rodeo
- 5. Pick up your injector from our office during your reserved time slot a staff member will meet you in the lobby.**
- a. King County Noxious Weed Program  
201 S. Jackson St.  
Seattle, WA 98104
  - b. King Street Center has one hour of free parking in the garage
- 6. Pick a nice day and get started**
- a. Make sure to have your personal protection gear and spill kit handy
  - b. Don't forget to take before, during and after pictures (it's gratifying to see the progress and we love to see them too!)
  - c. Clean the injector after use and check to make sure all the parts are together
    - i. If you need a refresher on cleaning, consult our injector training video
- 7. Return your injector (clean please)**
- a. Fill out the survey linked in your conformation email
    - i. Tell us where and how much you controlled; we like to know about all the work that is being done to fight knotweed
    - ii. We really enjoy hearing your stories and seeing your pictures
    - iii. This information helps us keep the program free and available to the public
  - b. Give us feedback and help us improve how we will do things in the future

**For more information please**

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