

# A Solid Waste Guide for Invasive Plant Matter



Many people have encountered invasive or nuisance plants at some point, and struggled to control them. Proper disposal starts by controlling invasive and nuisance plants at the site where they are growing. Follow the recommended practices below to control existing infestations and prevent spread.

## 1. Identify, report, and learn about management of the species by visiting these resources:

- [VT Invasives](https://vtinvasives.org/)  
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- [Information and management techniques from VT Fish & Wildlife](http://www.vtfishandwildlife.com/get_involved/partner_in_conservation/threats_from_invasive_species)  
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- [UNH Extension's information on Methods of Control](https://extension.unh.edu/resources/files/resource000988_rep1135.pdf)  
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## 2. Kill invasive plants on site

by suffocation and heating in the sun using tarps, plastic bags, or other methods before removing from the site. Web research will reveal details on how to use [solarization](#) as a destruction method.

## 3. Removal.

It is recommended to solarize invasive plant material prior to taking it off-site. Composting facilities may accept the material; contact your local solid waste district ([www.802recycles.com](http://www.802recycles.com)) or visit [www.vtrecycles.com](http://www.vtrecycles.com) for compost facilities near you.

## 4. Disposal as a last resort.

As a last resort, you may dispose of invasive plant matter in trash. Leaves, grass clippings, brush and clean wood are banned from trash disposal however.

## CAUTION

**⚠ Composting invasives at home may not adequately kill these plants.**

**⚠ Transporting invasives can increase their spread.** Contain, bag or even double-bag invasive plant material before transporting it to other locations such as composting facilities or transfer stations.

**Report invasive species!**

Visit [vtinvasives.org](http://vtinvasives.org) to add your infestation to the statewide list.



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