



# JOIN YOUR NEIGHBORS IN THE FIGHT AGAINST KNOTWEED!

*Protect your property and local wildlife*

## Knotweed Removal

The Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust has been surveying and successfully treating knotweed along Issaquah Creek and the Raging River for over a decade. We not only offer survey and control of this highly invasive plant, but also planting of native species **free of charge** to private landowners. Our services are fully grant funded by the King County Flood Control District to support salmon recovery efforts. By removing knotweed, landowners can increase the habitat value of the riverbanks on their property to help support local threatened Chinook salmon populations, which are food for the endangered Southern Resident Orcas.

To date, we have partnered with hundreds of private landowners to control knotweed and restore stream banks by planting native trees and shrubs. Join our efforts in combatting this problem in your backyard and supporting our native salmon.

## A Threat to Your Property

Bohemian and Japanese knotweed are non-native, highly invasive plants which spread aggressively along rivers in Western Washington. They can cause significant damage to property and creekside habitats.

Knotweed erodes creek banks, creates flooding hazards by clogging waterways, displaces native plants, and lowers the quality of habitat for fish and native wildlife. Large infestations can negatively impact property values.



Controlling knotweed is no easy task. The roots can grow over seven feet deep and any remaining roots or stems can quickly regrow into new infestations. Digging it out is labor intensive and usually ineffective. However, without intervention, the knotweed can quickly overtake large sections of land.



## We Can Work Together On A Solution!

For more than 10 years, we have refined our approach to effectively fight knotweed, resulting in success along Issaquah Creek and the Raging River. Different herbicide applications have been tested over the last decade, and experts believe the most effective and efficient way to control the plant is foliar application of the aquatic-approved herbicide Imazapyr at a 1% solution. This chemical works by preventing protein synthesis and cell growth within the plant. It is safe for wildlife, pets, and people – it only works on the amino acids found in plants.

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### TIMELINE:

*August* | our team treats and surveys knotweed from within the river corridor, they do not need access to your property unless you'd like notification that they are on site. Treatment needs to occur for at least three consecutive years to be effective.

*January to March* | our team meets with you, if you're interested, to look at planting opportunities on your property. We work with you to design a planting plan and install native plants, also free of charge.

# Join our knotweed removal program, and our trained crews will remove knotweed from your property free of charge, as part of our mission to conserve local rivers.

> Visit [mtsgreenway.org/knotweed](https://mtsgreenway.org/knotweed) to learn more

> **To participate:** Complete the online registration form, or return the form below by mail

> **Questions?** Contact Katy Yeh, Restoration & Volunteer Coordinator, at [katy.yeh@mtsgreenway.org](mailto:katy.yeh@mtsgreenway.org) or 206-402-7574

## Waiver and Release for Knotweed Control Project (also available at [mtsgreenway.org/knotweed](https://mtsgreenway.org/knotweed))

Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust (the "Greenway Trust") provides knotweed control on certain properties along rivers and other waterways in King County. Services provided by the Greenway Trust include stem injection and/or spot spray of an approved aquatic herbicide on any invasive knotweed (*Polygonum bohemicum*, *P. cuspidatum*, *P. sachalinense*, *P. polystachyum*) found on the property (the "services"). These services are provided free of charge.

You are receiving this Waiver and Release because we have identified your property as one which may be eligible for our services. If you would like us to evaluate whether you have knotweed on your property and provide knotweed control, please complete this form and mail it to our office (2701 First Ave., Suite 240, Seattle, WA 98121).

In consideration of my acceptance of knotweed control services on my property and by signing this Waiver and Release, I agree to the following terms:

1. Knotweed control project: I understand that representatives of the Greenway Trust will carry out the services described above as safely, efficiently, and completely as possible.
2. The Greenway Trust's agreement to hold harmless: The Greenway Trust will hold harmless and release the property owner from any liability associated with injuries or damages occurring to any person rendering these knotweed removal services.
3. The property owner's agreement to release: I will release the Greenway Trust (including its employees, volunteers, and representatives) from liability that may arise from my acceptance of these knotweed removal services.

I AGREE I HAVE FULLY INFORMED MYSELF OF THE CONTENTS OF THIS WAIVER & RELEASE BY READING IT AND AGREEING TO ITS TERMS.

I agree to allow the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust to provide knotweed control, including stem injection and/or spot spray of an approved aquatic herbicide, on any invasive knotweed (*Polygonum bohemicum*, *P. cuspidatum*, *P. sachalinense*, *P. polystachyum*) that may be found on my property. I further agree that I have fully informed myself of the contents of the Waiver and Release and agree to its terms.

Owner Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Property: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Owner Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Please select your preference for contact prior to our crew visiting your site:

Representatives of the Greenway Trust may enter my property at any time to provide knotweed control services. No notice is necessary.

I request that representatives of the Greenway Trust knock on my door when they arrive to provide knotweed control services on my property. No other notice is necessary. If I am not home or do not answer the door, these services may be rendered without additional permission from me.

I request that a representative of the Greenway Trust calls me or emails me one week in advance of providing knotweed control services on my property. (Circle 'call' or 'email')

**OUR MISSION** | The Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust is a nonprofit organization that leads and inspires action to conserve and enhance the landscape of the Mountains to Sound Greenway National Heritage Area (NHA), ensuring a long-term balance between people and nature.

The Mountains to Sound Greenway NHA is an iconic 1.5 million-acre landscape that connects Central Washington, the Cascade Mountains, and Puget Sound along the I-90 corridor. The Greenway Trust promotes a healthy and sustainable relationship between people and the land by holistically balancing built and natural environments. The Greenway landscape provides places for nature and wildlife, for culture and tradition, for outdoor recreation and education, for working forests and local agricultural production, while embracing vibrant urban areas. The Greenway is valued by a broad cross-section of society, working together as an effective coalition to conserve this place and its heritage for future generations. **Learn more at [mtsgreenway.org](https://mtsgreenway.org).**