

Invasive Plant Disposal Protocol – District of Squamish

Overview

Invasive plants pose serious environmental, personal safety and economic threats to the Squamish area. The following protocol is designed to minimize the spread of invasive plants by promoting best practices for disposal and transport. It is intended to apply to anyone handling invasive species, including but not limited to businesses in the horticulture and construction industries, municipal employees, and private citizens.

The District of Squamish works with the Sea to Sky Invasive Species Council (SSISC) to promote best management practices for invasive species throughout the Corridor. An 'Invasive-Free' certification course, designed to raise awareness of effective invasive plant management, is available through SSISC (contact SSISC for details) and will allow access to reduced tipping fees for invasive species at the Squamish Landfill.

Please Note- Due to risks associated with the spread of Japanese Knotweed, the Squamish Landfill is **no longer accepting the disposal of Japanese Knotweed vegetative material and/or Japanese Knotweed contaminated soil.**

Definitions

- **Small load:** A small amount of invasive plant material that would fit in a curbside garbage tote and/or the dedicated invasive species bin in the Free Recycling Drop-Off Area at the entrance of the Squamish Landfill. Generally, from a residential source.
- **Large load:** A large volume of invasive plant material that will not fit in the opening to the free invasive species bin at the landfill or is larger than a curbside garbage tote. Generally, from a commercial or development source.
- **Invasive Plant:** Plant species listed on the SSISC Priority Plant List: <https://ssisc.ca/priority-species>

Disposal Protocol

	SMALL LOADS		LARGE LOADS
Disposal Options	Curbside Collection (Garbage Tote)	Squamish Landfill (Invasive Species Bin)	Squamish Landfill (Scale)
Cost	Free*	Free	Tipping Fees**
Notification	None	None	48-hours notice, including the volume of material, is required. Call 604-898-5635 to set up a drop-off time.
Sort	Separate invasive plant material from other green waste and soil.		
Enclosed Transport	Transport in an enclosed manner (e.g. using bags or tarps). Ensure no plant parts or seeds escape during transport.		
Disposal Details	Deposit in your curbside garbage tote. Invasive plants are not permitted in organic totes.	Deposit in the invasive species bin within the Free Recycling Drop-Off Area at the entrance of the landfill. Can be bagged.	Proceed over the scale at the Squamish Landfill. Inform the Attendant that you have invasive plants to dispose of. Follow instructions from Attendants as to where to proceed, and unload in the designated area.



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* The cost of curbside collection garbage is covered through the household's annual solid waste utility bill.

** Tipping Fees

- See www.squamish.ca/landfill for the updated tipping fee rates, including the reduced rate for SSISC's *Invasive-Free* certified companies.
- To receive the reduced rate, a current *Invasive-Free* decal must be displayed, or proof of *Invasive-Free* certification must be provided upon request.
- If a load contains items such as boulders, stumps, or other non-invasive plant material, the Banned Surcharge tipping fee will be applied in addition to the invasive species rate.
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**Soil and fill, including that which contains invasive seeds or plant material, are NOT accepted at the Squamish Landfill.
Please contact a Qualified Environmental Professional for disposal options.**

If you have questions regarding disposal options for knotweed vegetation and/or infested soils, please reach out to environment@squamish.ca for assistance

FINES for illegal dumping of any waste anywhere within the District:
\$10,000 per occurrence per day

Contacts:

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