



# VILLAGE OF BELCARRA

"Between Forest and Sea"

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## KNOTWEED TREATMENT PLAN 2014

The municipality is working with the Invasive Species Council of Metro Vancouver (ISCMV) to eradicate knotweed on municipal property.

### WHY SHOULD YOU CARE?

Knotweed is a non-native species whose introduction causes economic harm, harm to human health or environmental harm. (In the UK, some homeowners have been denied property insurance or mortgages on properties with knotweed. This has not happened yet in BC, but regulations regarding control of invasive species on private property are increasing.)

There may be an opportunity for residents to have knotweed treated on private property during the municipal treatment session in August/Fall 2014.

### TREATMENT DETAILS

ISCMV will begin treatment in August/Fall. The treatment methods proposed are considered appropriate for use around groundwater, pets, and gardens.

### HOW YOU CAN BENEFIT FROM THE MUNICIPAL TREATMENT PROGRAM

Attend the **Knotweed Workshop, August 19, 2014, 6:30 pm**, where you will learn how to identify knotweed; what to do and NOT do with knotweed on your property; how much it will cost to have your property treated; options for disposal of invasive species greenwaste; and to register your property for treatment of knotweed during the upcoming municipal treatment session.

### TO LEARN MORE ABOUT KNOTWEED

For an informative video and related resources on managing knotweed, visit: <http://www.knotonmyproperty.com/>

Knotweed – leaves and flowers



Knotweed growth



Knotweed – post treatment



### PRE-REGISTER YOUR PROPERTY FOR TREATMENT OF KNOTWEED

To pre-register your Belcarra property for treatment of **knotweed** in August/Fall 2014, please call Municipal Hall **604.937.4100** or email [skean@belcarra.ca](mailto:skean@belcarra.ca)

Please see over for details.

## FAST FACTS about knotweed in Belcarra

### Treatment of knotweed:

- Treatments are done by Ministry of Environment Certified Applicators, and regulations set out by the Integrated Pest Management Act and Health Canada are followed.
- The only effective method for eradication of knotweed is by herbicide.
- People and pets will need to stay out of immediate treatment area for 24 hours for the product to properly dry (the rest of the property is fine).
- **For more information: 604.880.8358** or [info@iscmv.ca](mailto:info@iscmv.ca)

### What not to do with knotweed:

- Do not cut, cover, weed-whack or mow knotweed.
- Do not dig out large infestations.
- Do not dump garden waste into water courses, natural areas, road ends, or right-of-ways.
- Do not put any knotweed parts in your home composter; if you must cut it, be sure it is disposed of properly.

### Knotweed should be:

- Commercially incinerated, or
- Sent to a composting facility where temperatures are high enough to kill off invasive plant parts and seeds.

### Treatment on private property:

If you interested in having ISCMV treat your Belcarra property for **knotweed** during the municipal treatment session in August/Fall 2014, ISCMV requires the following information (you may call or email Municipal Hall to provide it at 604.937-4100 or [skean@belcarra.ca](mailto:skean@belcarra.ca)):

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Contact info</u>	<u>Approx. size of infestation</u> (i.e. number of plants or sq ft area)
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- Cost \$62.50 per hour per person applying treatment.
- A 10m x 10m could be treated by two people in one hour.
- Residents pay ISCMV directly for treatment on private property; due at time of treatment. Cash or cheque only.
- Note that follow up treatments may be required.

(Important note: Treatment on private property will be on a first come – first served basis, at the discretion of ISCMV.)