

## 4. Combine control and communication measures – place IAS plant waste collection boxes on key target sites



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*Prominent boxes for collecting plant waste placed in along popular recreational areas or walkways invaded by IAS encourage locals to participate in volunteer weeding work.*

*This gives the municipality an opportunity to share information on its IAS work and how citizens can participate in managing the IAS situation.*

### Benefits of the action

The boxes are a cost-effective way to arouse the citizens' attention as well as to remind and encourage them to combat IAS.

In addition, composting the IAS waste on site can help save on transport costs.

### Do this

Place the boxes on easily accessible target sites or sites reserved for the Soolotalkoot campaign, if the municipality has any.

Find out how many boxes (usually built of wooden boards) are needed, implement the information signboards to go with them, and clarify where the boxes may be emptied to when filled.

### More information

The cities of Mikkeli Lappeenranta, Vantaa and Kaarina have been using collection boxes as part of the Soolotalkoot campaign for years.

Perform a Google image search with the term "keräyskehikko" for several design examples for the box.

