

Preventing the spread of invasive species

1. Marking and removing illegal piles of plant waste found in the municipality area



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Unauthorised plant waste dumps originating from private courtyards and home gardens constitute one of the main IAS spreading pathways in the nature and municipality area.

To prevent IAS spread, the municipality can provide its citizens with guidance and means to properly handle garden waste.

Benefits of the action

Increasing the citizen's awareness on the ways of spreading and harm caused by IAS helps decrease the intentional or unintentional spread of IAS and avoid possible future negative impacts and high control costs.

Do this

Map locations of illegal plant waste dumps and supply the sites with signboards informing about their unauthorised nature and harmful consequences.

Inform citizens annually about appropriate ways of handling garden waste and that it is forbidden to discard waste outside the perimeter of one's own property.

More information

Go to the website vieraslajit.fi and read Natural Resources Institute Finland's guidelines on handling of garden waste containing IAS.

[Instructions on how to handle IAS waste for home gardeners and housing companies](#)

