

Preventing the spread of invasive species

3. Map and identify the common IAS spreading pathways in the municipal area



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Identifying the usual pathways and ways of IAS spreading in the municipal area enables plans to block them cost-effectively.

Spreading pathways may be related to human activity or alien species may disperse on their own via land routes and waterways.

Do this

Investigate which areas have the highest IAS prevalence and how they spread (e.g., gardening, transported by flowing waters, soil transfer).

Prevent invasive species spread by for example addressing illegal garden waste dumping or IAS-containing soil transfers.

Benefits of the action

Preventing the spread of IAS is multiple times less expensive than combating species that have already been widely spread.

More information

Spreading pathways for invasive species listed in the EU and national lists of harmful IAS have been identified in Finnish IAS management plans.

[Management plans in Finland's IAS portal](https://vieraslajit.fi) (vieraslajit.fi)

