

Preventing the spread of invasive species

## 5. Integrate IAS management tasks as part of municipality's other green area maintenance work



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*In many municipalities, IAS control measures are performed separately from other maintenance duties of green spaces and recreational areas, either due to citizen feedback or by a contractor hired specifically to do IAS control work.*

### Do this

Check or map whether there are any growths of invasive species requiring control measures, such as Japanese rose, in parks or other sites that need regular general maintenance.

Design IAS control and monitoring measures as part of other green area maintenance duties, if possible.

### Benefits of the action

By integrating IAS management (prevention, control, monitoring) as part of other tasks done at the site, such as maintenance of green spaces, instead of separate IAS control, it is possible to achieve savings in labour and transport costs.

### More information

The City of Tampere has added IAS management as part of the work of all its green space maintenance staff:

<https://tampereinfra.fi/torjuntapartio-taistelee-vieraslajeja-vastaan/> (in Finnish)

