

Preventing the spread of invasive species

7. For landscaping and green area building, use only invasive species-free topsoil and other land masses



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The propagules of invasive species, i.e., seeds, pieces of root system, eggs or larvae spread very easily with substrates or soil transferred by humans to soil dumping areas or landscaping sites.

Do this

Map the presence of IAS on municipal soil storage areas and eliminate any IAS-containing soil from further use.

Ensure that soil suppliers do not harvest their product from sites containing IAS.

Advise your subcontractors to only use clean soil for landscaping.

Benefits of the action

By exclusive use of IAS-free soil, it is possible to significantly reduce the spreading of IAS to nature and residential areas.

More information

Guideline of The Finnish Advisory Board for Invasive Alien Species for home gardeners on how to handle IAS-containing soil:

[Guideline \(pdf\)](#) (in Finnish)

