

# Stop the Spread

If a plant gets out of control in your garden, imagine what it'll do in the bush...

Know what not to grow.

Check out [www.protectnz.org.nz](http://www.protectnz.org.nz)

Ask for brochures at your local regional council or DOC office.

- **Dispose of weed waste wisely**

- Take it to an organic recycling centre or refuse transfer station (check with your local council).
- On the farm, burn it immediately or bury deeply.
- Remove seed heads, fruit, tubers and bulbs before composting.
- Pile it up, cover it in black plastic, and leave it to rot down.
- Use a commercial green waste bag or bin.

- **Don't spread weeds around**

- Don't give your neighbours problem plants.
- Clean boats, trailers and fishing gear after use before moving them elsewhere.
- Clean tops and bottoms of 4WDs after off-road use.
- Remove seeds from boots, socks and cuffs after tramping.



- **Get involved - protect your local environment**

- Take part in a restoration project in your area.
- Join a Weedbusters group or start a new one. (Find out how at [www.weedbusters.org.nz](http://www.weedbusters.org.nz))
- Encourage a group you are part of to keep an area weed-free.
- Alert your regional council if you see a new weed establishing.



You can help stop the spread!



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**WEEDBUSTERS**