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- Don't cause the spread of Knotweed stem and crowns. If you cut it down, it is best to dispose of it on site. Material taken off site must be safely contained and disposed of.
- Don't try to dig up Knotweed as this will lead to a significant increase in stem density. Even a tiny fragment of the cut rhizome is capable of regeneration.
- Don't spread soil contaminated with Knotweed rhizome. Any soil that is obtained from ground within 7 m of a Japanese Knotweed plant could contain rhizome. The rhizome is highly regenerative and will readily grow into new plants.
- Don't chip Knotweed material. Mechanical chippers don't kill Japanese Knotweed. If you spread the chipped material on soil, Japanese Knotweed could regrow.
- Don't add Knotweed to compost.
- Don't take Knotweed to recycling centres that receive garden waste as it will contaminate the compost.
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