

**Washington/National Invasive Species Awareness Week
February 26, 2017 – March 4, 2017**

**Sample ways to help prevent the introduction and spread
of noxious weeds and invasive species**

- Clean your hiking boots, bikes, waders, boats and trailers, off-road vehicles and other gear before you venture outdoors to stop invasive species from hitching a ride to a new location. Visit the council's Washington Invasive Species Education (WISE) Web site to [learn more about preventing spread](#).
- On your next walk, watch for noxious weeds. Visit the Washington State Noxious Weed Control Board's [Web site](#) to learn about noxious weeds and if you spot some in your yard or while walking in your neighborhood, [notify your county noxious weed control board](#).
- [Download the WA Invasives mobile app](#) so you are ready to report sightings of invasive species. Check out the [Top 50 worst invaders](#).
- Dispose of aquarium plants or water, science kits, unwanted pets, or live bait the proper way and NOT by dumping them into waterways. When it comes to unwanted pets or live bait, letting it loose is never the right thing to do. Visit the WISE Web site to [learn the proper ways to dispose of unwanted pets and plants](#).
- Going camping? Buy firewood where you'll burn it, or gather it on site when permitted. Visit the WISE Web site to learn about the [potential dangers of moving firewood](#) or the [council's education campaign](#).
- Use forage, hay, or mulch that is certified as weed free. Visit the Washington Department of Agriculture Web site [to see details of its certification program](#).
- Plant only [non-invasive plants in your garden](#), and remove any known invasive plants.
- Volunteer as a Citizen Science Invasive Plant Monitor with the Pacific Northwest Invasive Plant Council. Read the [details of the program](#).
- Become a Master Gardener and help your community identify, report, and properly manage exotic and invasive pests. Read [details of the program](#).
- Volunteer to help remove invasive species from public lands and natural areas. Contact your local state or county park, city parks and recreation department, or county WSU Extension office to learn more.

See [more solutions](#) for preventing the spread of invasive species at WISE.