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### Stem Injection

As local authorities and landowners anticipate their annual battle against Japanese Knotweed and other non-native invasive plant infestations, and are forced to respond to increased government and environmental legislation, Stem Injecting these plants is proving a great success and becoming ever more popular to treat these troublesome species.

Stem Injection of Japanese Knotweed and other invasive plant species including Giant Hogweed and Rhododendron is recognised as the most ecologically sound and cost effective method of treatment. Stem injection delivers a measured dose of herbicide into the centre of the plant rather than just the surface, this means it targets only the plants injected and there is no environmental risk of spray drift, run-off or contamination of watercourses and other sensitive vegetation. The process is significantly more successful than traditional treatment methods and significantly cheaper.

David Layland, Joint Managing Director of Japanese Knotweed Control, said, "We have been using the stem injection method for four years in the UK and the results are amazing. A majority of our work with local authorities and land owners is now completed with stem injection as customers recognize the benefits and cost savings that can be made through the stem injection programme.

As well as making the stem injection equipment available to purchase through its sister company, Stem Injection Systems (Europe), Japanese Knotweed Control recommends it as a major part of its own treatment armoury, which also includes more traditional techniques such as chemical spraying and 'dig and dump' methods.



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