



Siam weed seeds

**Invasive plants (weeds) can cause serious environmental, economic and social problems. Each year, lost production and control of invasive plants can cost Queensland industries more than \$600 million. Under the *Biosecurity Act 2014* every Queenslander has a general biosecurity obligation (GBO) to prevent or minimise the risks of spreading invasive plants. You must take reasonable and practical measures to prevent or minimise the biosecurity risk posed by the release of the invasive plant material into the environment.**

**Penalties apply to the release of invasive plants that are prohibited and restricted matter.**

## Safe disposal of plant and soil material

- Don't dump plant material or soil in bush or parkland. Dispose of or mulch green waste appropriately on-site or by transport to a waste disposal facility, or burning or burying them.
- Never dump aquarium plants, water or contents down drains or into waterways.

## Source invasive plant-free material

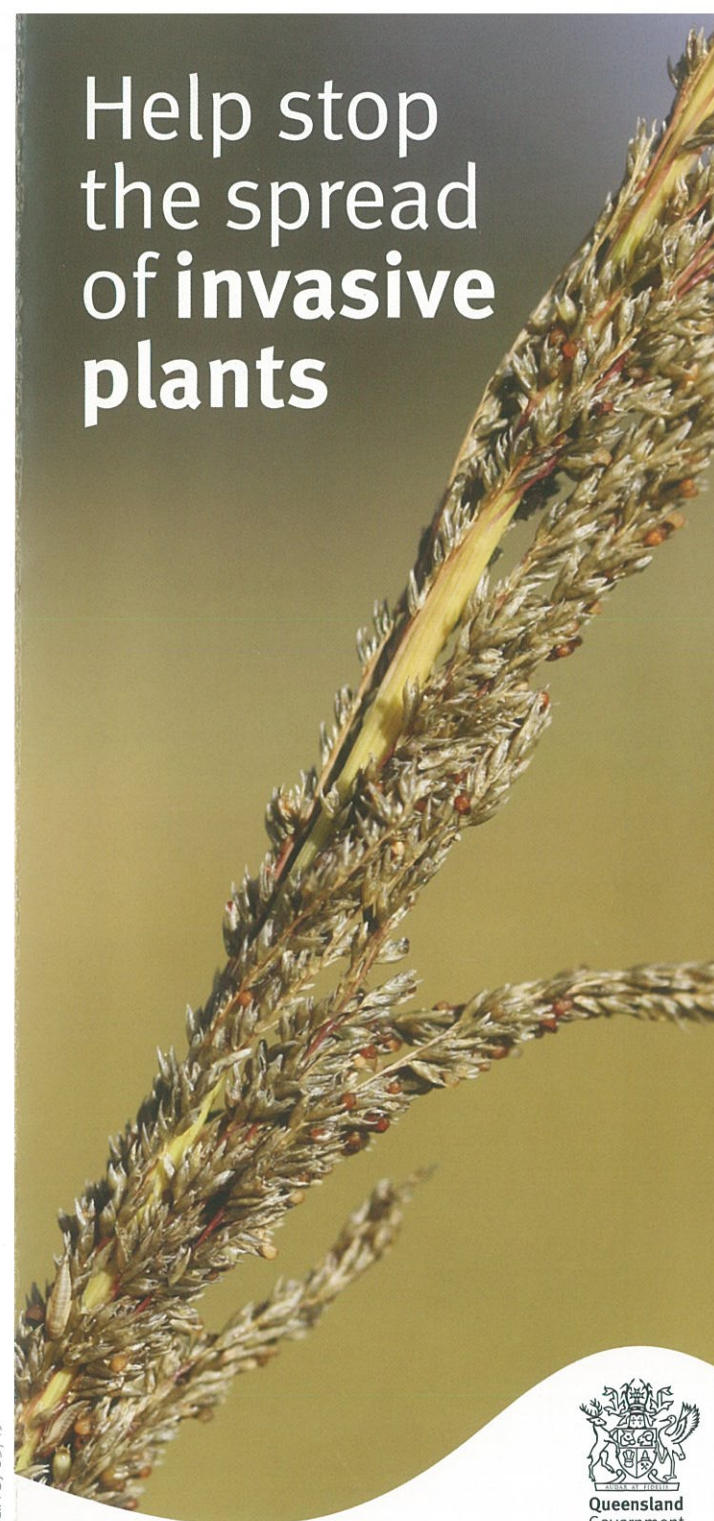
- Ask about the invasive plant status of any products or material you are receiving or bringing on to your property.
- Only buy invasive plant-free plant material, soil, mulches, fertilisers and manure.
- Check Australian Government import restrictions before ordering plant material from overseas, including bulbs and seeds purchased over the internet or by mail order.
- Don't buy water invasive plants for your ponds or aquariums. Visiting birds can move these plants from your pond into local waterways, as can flooding after heavy rain.
- Be careful where you buy plants from. Some plants sold at local markets could be invasive plants.

## More information

For more information contact your local government or Biosecurity Queensland on **13 25 23** or visit [biosecurity.qld.gov.au](http://biosecurity.qld.gov.au)

Front page image: giant rat's tail grass seed head

# Help stop the spread of invasive plants



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## How to identify invasive plants

- Learn to identify the usual plants in your area so that you detect new invasive plants early.
- Know the major invasive plants in your area. Contact your local government, Weed Spotters Network, Bushcare or Landcare for more information.
- Check that your property doesn't contain any of the plants included in the Biosecurity Queensland's A-Z invasive plant list or listed in your local governments Biosecurity Plan.

## Don't carry invasive plants with you

- Be aware when dealing with potential carriers of invasive plant seed including grains, livestock and fodder, soil, mulch, gravel and mud on vehicles and equipment. These can all contain invasive plant seeds and/or vegetative parts.
- Stay on designated roads and tracks as much as possible, and avoid driving or walking through infested areas.
- Before travelling off-road, check with the relevant local government or landholder for any travel restrictions due to invasive plant infestations.



- Clean all vehicles, machinery, tools, boots and other equipment when leaving infested areas. Follow the approved clean-down procedures (visit [biosecurity.qld.gov.au](http://biosecurity.qld.gov.au)) paying special attention to the undercarriage and tyres of vehicles. Make use of clean-down facilities where available.
- Check boats, propellers and trailers and remove any plant material before entering or leaving waterways.
- If horse riding, use only invasive plant-free feed for your horse from eight days before entering country areas and throughout your trip.
- Remove invasive plant seeds from animals by brushing them thoroughly and cleaning their hooves before and after travel.
- Don't collect flowers, seeds or plants that you can't identify.

## Be a responsible property owner

- Keep access roads, easements and yards invasive plant-free.
- Actively manage a invasive plant-free buffer area or windbreak around your property boundary.

- Develop steps and procedures to prevent invasive plant seeds from entering or leaving your property.
- Ask that visitors or service providers inspect or provide evidence that their vehicles, machinery and any other equipment is invasive plant-free before entering your property.
- Contact your neighbours or other landholders before entering their properties and check their requirements for preventing the spread of invasive plants.
- Develop your own pest management plan, invasive plant plan, protocols and procedures.
- Make sure your agricultural management systems have strategies to prevent invasive plant spread, or follow an industry code of practice.
- Set aside containment areas for treating feed or livestock that could be carrying invasive plants.
- Keep livestock from feeding on invasive plants for the week before they leave your property.

