

HELP! It is on my neighbour's land as well. What should I do?

If you notice that the plant is growing on your neighbour's land you should firstly try to **speak to them** about it. They may not know what the plant is and may require more information to understand its devastating impacts. **Landowners** should **co-operate** and **seek to control the problem together amicably**. Hopefully your neighbours will be willing to work with you to control and eradicate the plant.

It is **very important** for both the **environment** and **yourselves** that this plant is **eradicated** as having it growing on your land can **sometimes** lead to the **devaluation**, problems with obtaining **buildings insurance, increased premiums** and problems in **securing a mortgage** for the property.

If you are unsure as to who owns the land and cannot find out from neighbours, you can contact the Land Registry.

It is an **offence** to knowingly cause the plant to spread onto another person's land or into the wild. Japanese knotweed and the action you take in respect of it may leave you open to **criminal and/or civil sanctions**.

WARNING!

Japanese knotweed can re-grow from cuttings that weigh as little as **0.7g!**

When cutting the plant please make sure the cuttings are **burnt** or **taken to a waste disposal site** that accepts invasive waste!

DO NOT dig the plant up, you are very likely to break the root system with your spade! The root system is very extensive and it is highly likely that you will distribute pieces of the plant and cause new growth, **making things much worse**.

ATTENTION

Is the Japanese knotweed you are treating close to a watercourse?

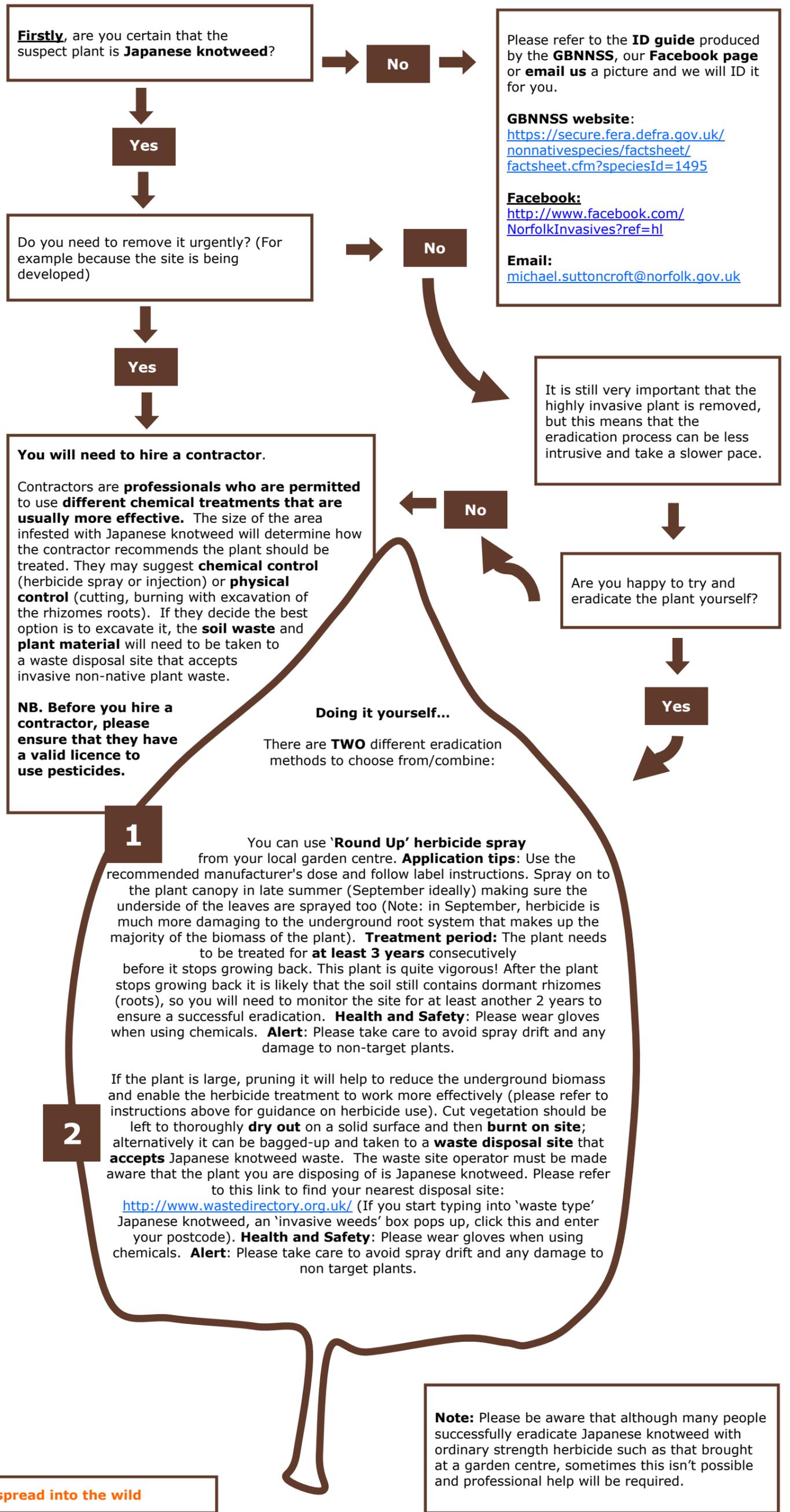
If 'yes'

Please contact the **Environment Agency (EA)** and ask to speak to your local **BASIS Officer** to seek written permission to use herbicide.

If granted permission only certain herbicides can be used near/in water, for example **'Round up Biactive.'**

If the Japanese knotweed is on land designated as an **SSSI, SAC** or **SPA** you will need to seek written permission from **Natural England** to use herbicide.

It is ILLEGAL to knowingly cause this plant to spread into the wild



References

Devon County Council. 2012. **Japanese knotweed Guidance for Identification and Control**. Available at: <http://www.devon.gov.uk/knotweedbooklet.pdf> (Accessed July 2012)