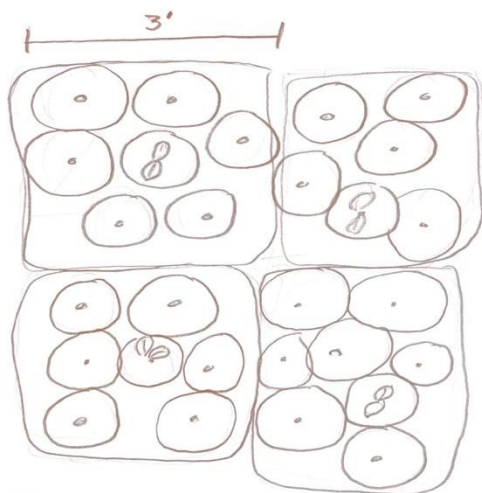
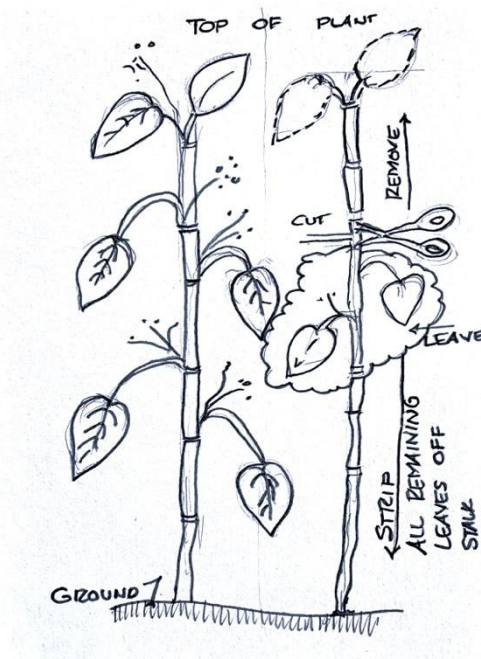


Karro Frost Method for Japanese Knotweed Suppression

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This is a chemical free method to suppress Japanese Knotweed and has been shown to be significantly more effective than mowing or pulling (which tend to promote its spread). This is best used for small patches or in conjunction with other removal methods. For optimal results, begin the technique in May or June and repeat every two to four weeks through September. This process may take several years, so persistence is key!

1. Cut the plant just below the 2nd or 3rd node from the top. Leaving an open straw that will fill with water. This will weaken the knotweed.
2. Strip all leaves from the main stalk, except for two at the top to continue photosynthesis.



3. Strip all leaves from other stalks in a 3' radius leaving a single stalk with only two leaves in each 3' x 3' area. Leave more stalks with two leaves on the edge of the patch to discourage the plant from expanding.

4. Repeat this process every 2-4 weeks. Cut off the top 2-3 nodes of any new growth. Remove all leaves by two in a 3' x 3' area.
5. For large areas, mark the farthest stalk to ensure you address the entire patch each time. The plant shares resources with the entire patch, so only attacking a portion of the patch will be less effective.