

# INSECT PEST QUARANTINE ALERT



**Oregon**  
Department of Agriculture

All yard debris including grass clippings, plants with soil, and sod must be contained and delivered to a specific location to reduce the risk of spreading Japanese beetle in Oregon. Compost and transfer facilities **ARE NOT ALLOWED** to accept yard debris from the quarantine.

## WHAT DO I DO WITH YARD DEBRIS?

### Small Loads:

Use yard debris curbside cart

Waste Management and Walker Garbage will remove all residential curbside yard debris and transport the contents directly to Hillsboro Landfill.

### Large Loads:

Must use the **FREE** drop-off site at

**Northwest Landscape Services (NLS)**  
**1800 NW Cornelius Pass Rd, Hillsboro**  
**(503) 486-5154**

Monday – Friday (fall/winter) 7am to 4:30 pm

Monday – Friday (spring/summer) 6am to 6 pm

Saturday: by appointment only

Sunday: Closed



YARD DEBRIS CURBSIDE BIN



LARGE LOAD



HILLSBORO LANDFILL

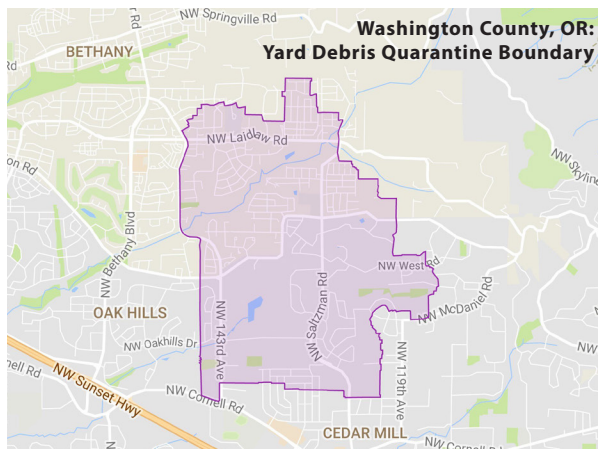


Northwest Landscape Services



If possible, keep yard debris on-site or use a curbside bin. However, if yard debris must be removed from the property, landscapers and residents should bag and cover the load and take it directly to Northwest Landscape Services.

**The drop-off site is FREE, and is only available to quarantine residents and their landscapers to dispose of yard debris.**



## Why is there an alert?

An infestation of Japanese beetle has been found in the Cedar Mill, Oak Hills, Bonny Slope, and Bethany areas of Washington County. The beetle is a destructive pest of ornamental plants, turfgrass, and many of Oregon's specialty crop industries.

The Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) plans to eradicate this pest through targeted treatment between 2017 and 2021. During this time, adult beetles and grubs can easily be moved in yard debris and soil which could potentially spread the pest to currently unaffected locations in the state. To prevent the spread of the beetle, ODA has established a yard debris quarantine in this area of Washington County.

If you are a resident in this area that uses a landscaping service, please contact ODA with the name and contact information of your provider so that they can be informed of the yard debris quarantine.

To find out if you are in the quarantine area, for more information, or to be added to our email list, please contact ODA at: [www.JapaneseBeetlePDX.info](http://www.JapaneseBeetlePDX.info) • Email: [japanesebeetle@oda.state.or.us](mailto:japanesebeetle@oda.state.or.us)

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# Japanese Beetle Quarantine

## *Frequently Asked Questions*



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Answers provided by Oregon Department of Agriculture,  
Insect Pest Prevention & Management program.

### What is yard debris?

Any material from your yard or site that could transfer a life stage of the beetle (e.g. egg, larva, adult). This includes soil associated with plants (for example: soil attached to roots, soil under grass or sod, soil in outdoor pots, or topsoil from lawns or planting beds), growing media, humus, compost, all plants with roots, grass or grass clippings, and bulbs and tubers of ornamental plants.

### Why are we concerned with the movement of yard debris out of the treatment area?

This pest is destructive to ornamental plants, turfgrass, and many of Oregon's specialty crop industries. Japanese beetle is currently contained in Washington County and movement of any yard debris increases the risk of the beetle traveling to currently unaffected locations in the state.

### What do I tell my landscaper to do with yard debris?

All yard debris that does not go in the curbside bin should be bagged or covered, and taken directly to the Japanese beetle yard debris drop off site at Northwest Landscape Services. Please see the front of this flyer for operating hours.

### Does composting kill Japanese beetles?

Certain hot composting conditions could kill the beetle but it is not guaranteed, which is why all yard debris from the treatment area will be transferred directly to the Hillsboro landfill for deep burial.

### What is a quarantine? What are the consequences for not adhering to the quarantine?

A quarantine is established against the pest known as Japanese beetle (*Popillia japonica*) per Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR 603-052-0127). The Oregon Department of Agriculture has the authority to take action should non-compliance result in the spread of the Japanese beetle.

### Where can I get a trap for my property?

If you have reason to believe your property or location is particularly hospitable to Japanese beetle and would like to have a trap, contact the Oregon Department of Agriculture at the contact information at the bottom of this page.

### Should I use a special cleaning method for landscaping equipment?

Remove soil and plant material from the equipment before leaving the treatment area.

### I live in the treatment area and participate in my local garden clubs plant swap, can I swap plants from my yard if no beetles are visible?

No.

### Is it safe to put yard debris in the curbside yard debris container after it was treated with Acelepryn G?

Yes, please place directly in the curbside bins. The yard debris is considered hazardous due to the possible presence of beetles not the larvicide. Learn more health information at the Oregon Health Authority webpage: [oda.fyi/jbhealth](http://oda.fyi/jbhealth).

### I live just outside of the treatment area, should I take my yard debris to a special place?

No. If you see a Japanese beetle on your property or have other reason to believe your property or location is particularly hospitable to Japanese beetle and would like to have a trap, contact the Oregon Department of Agriculture at the contact information at the bottom of this page.

### What are you doing to keep beetles from leaving the landfill and other drop off places outside of the treatment area?

Oregon Department of Agriculture is closely monitoring the landfill and other facilities for the presence of live beetles through extensive trapping.

### I live in the treatment area and would like to replace my sod or redo my landscaping. Where should my old sod or landscaping plants go?

Whenever possible leave landscaping material in place and postpone extensive landscaping activity until the end of the eradication project. If that is not an option, all material must be taken to Northwest Landscape Services.

### Can I take yard debris directly to the landfill?

No.

### Does all excavated soil need to be taken to Northwest Landscape Services?

No. Soil that is attached to plants or root balls, grass that has been removed, or soil in outdoor potted plants that you wish to dispose of should be taken to Northwest Landscape Services. Soil removed as part of a larger construction project or is not associated with plant material should not be taken to Northwest Landscape Services. If you are unsure whether or not soil should be taken to the disposal site, please contact Oregon Department of Agriculture or Northwest Landscape Services for clarification.