



Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians
Environmental Office

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Do you have this in your backyard?



Giant Reed (*Arundo donax*)

- Has bamboo-like stalks (10-30' tall),
- Is a highly invasive plant species,
- Chokes out native plants,
- Destroys animal habitat, and
- Uses lots of water.
 - A 10' x 10' area of Giant Reed uses 2500 gallons of water per year.



If so...Do NOT remove it without contacting us.

Giant Reed is very difficult to remove completely and can spread easily. Even a small piece of a branch or root can re-establish an entire colony. So...give us a call first. WE CAN HELP. (805) 688-7997 xt. 34

(Recommendations for removal on back)



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General Guidelines for Giant Reed Removal

Please follow these general guidelines for Giant Reed removal if you can not contact us before starting work.

Do's

- Cut down entire stock/branch at base of plant where it meets the ground.
- Place ENTIRE stock/branch in truck or trailer.
- Take ALL removed stocks/branches to:

Santa Ynez Transfer Station
4004 Foxen Canyon Rd in Los Olivos
(805) 688-3555
\$9.50 / load of green waste

If possible:

- Remove the entire “bunch” or “group” of stocks to decrease chance of re-establishment.

Do NOT's

- Spray herbicides (i.e. Round-Up) on plants or roots.
 - Herbicides may run into the creek and harm water quality.
- Burn removed stocks/branches.
 - Burning affects air quality and can increase plant's ability to spread.
- Chip or shred removed stocks/branches.
 - Chipping can GREATLY increase the plant's ability to spread.
- Dispose of cut stocks/branches near the creek.
 - This can also GREATLY increase the plant's ability to spread.