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Knotweed Eradication Methods by Sedgwick Sadik

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Knotweed removal specialists have, over the years, developed several effective knotweed eradication strategies. Since knotweed can cause serious structural damage, and resists domestic herbicides, seeking the services of a specialists as soon as you identify the problem is imperative. A surveyor will visit your property to assess which approach is best suited, and the extent of the problem, before providing you with a quotation for effective eradication.

Excavation

This is one of the best methods of eradicating the knotweed since the results are instant. However, it is a very expensive affair since it revolves around digging up the weed and getting rid of the infested soil. It is a tedious process and is only offered in situation where no other option seems to be viable. The specialists will have their own excavation equipment, which is well maintained and cleaned to avoid unnecessary spread during the removal and disposal of the weed and soil. By following the plants root system, the eradication team can minimize the amount of soil that needs to be disposed of, thereby keeping landfill disposal fees to a minimum.

Herbicides

The use of herbicides is another great method of eradicating Japanese knotweed. Different types and combinations of herbicides will be used depending on the growth stage of your knotweed infestation. The application is normally done in phases and it will therefore take time before you the desired results are achieved. The specialists will monitor the site following the initial eradication, ensuring that no regrowth occurs and that the plant has been successfully eradicated.

Cell Burial

This knotweed eradication method involves excavating a pit and burying the knotweed together with any rhizome infested soil. A geo textile membrane is used to encapsulate the knotweed, and is heat welded closed before burial. This approach is widely used where herbicides are not suitable because it provides all the benefits of excavation, but at the same time avoids the undesirable expense of using an approved landfill site for the disposal of contaminated materials.

Root Barriers

Root barriers are not really a method of knotweed eradication, but they are used by specialists in conjunction with other eradication techniques. Their provide specialists with an invaluable means of controlling the infestation. By creating a physical barrier which the roots can not permeate, they can be used to protect building foundations, drainage systems, and to prevent the infestation from breaching the borders of a property and infesting neighbouring gardens or sites.

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