



Community Pest Plant Bin

For people in the Kaipātiki Local Board area only

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Important Update: **9 July 2024 - High Moth Plant Pod Season has now ended. We are back accepting all priority weeds as below.**

Hot Composting News - June 2023

From June 2023, PFK will be using a green waste collection which goes to hot composting. This is an exciting change, reducing waste going to landfill, but it does mean there are some small changes to our pest plant disposal process.

When using our new pest plant compost bin:

- Please ensure NO PLASTIC bags or other non-organic material goes into the bin.
- For moth plant seeds and pods use organic bags such as coffee sacks (available from the community Tool Shed) which can go in the bin.
- Check that no seeds are distributed when transferring material into the bin.
- When using organic bags, please ensure only natural fibre ties are used on bags.

Location and status of the pest plant bin

PFK's Community Pest Plant Bin is for residents within the Kaipātiki Local Board area to use for the disposal of certain parts of certain pest weeds. This is still an expensive resource, we kindly ask you respect our guidelines below so the most people can benefit from this initiative.

Please update us if you know the status is different to below, by emailing pestplants@pfk.org.nz

***Last Updated: 9 July 2024 The busy moth plant pod season is drawing to a close. As a result space in our bins is available and we are back taking our 5 top priority weeds below plus the seed heads of those found on page 4. If you have large volumes of other pest plants, please contact us on our email prior to discussing what other options might be possible.**

Pest Plant Bin now available for disposal of:

- **wild ginger rhizomes/roots & seed heads**
- **moth plant pods**
- **woolly nightshade fruits, berries**
- **madeira vine - all parts**
- **climbing asparagus - roots/tubers/rhizomes, seeds**

[Get in touch](#) first if you have other weeds you want to dispose of and need advice.

Please use [alternative disposal methods](#) whenever you can and for weeds not listed.

Area	Located at...	Current Status
Glenfield	Puāwai, the home of PFK, 7 Ross Avenue, Glenfield.	Available for pest plant disposal



If you live outside the Kaipātiki Local Board area, ask your local board or council what provisions they make.

For more information, email pestplants@pestfreekaipatiki.org.nz, visit our website or pop in to one of our community Tool Shed events - see

- pfk.org.nz/toolshed
- <https://www.facebook.com/pestfreekaipatiki>

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What can you put in the community pest plant bin?

Please do not put anything not on the list in the bins, otherwise they will not be collected or emptied, which seriously reduces our ability to tackle invasive weeds.

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Parts of environmental weeds that can go in these community bins:

- ✓ **[Moth plant](#)** - seeds & pods (securely tied in organic bags or carefully placed in the hot composting bin to avoid dispersal of airborne seeds)
- ✓ **[Wild ginger](#)** - seed heads, rhizomes and roots

- ✓ [Woolly nightshade](#) - fruits/berries/seed heads
- ✓ [Madeira vine](#) - all parts
- ✓ [Climbing asparagus](#) - roots or, if seeds present, whole plant

The parts of these plants not mentioned in the list above can be disposed of by other means.

For images to help recognise these plants see our [Pest Plants: Recognise and Remove](#) flyer

Keeping seeds from spreading in the wind

Collect pest plant seeds and seed pods without delay!

To avoid wind-borne seeds being spread, please if you are able secure moth plant pods **inside coffee sacks**.

Then leave the tied bag inside the pest plant bin.

Please use **natural fibres to tie the bag** (natural fibre string, a strip of natural cloth or a length of moth plant or japanese honeysuckle vine)

Other pest weeds accepted

At certain times we also accept the following weeds.

We do NOT accept branches or foliage or inorganic rubbish

Other waste will fill the bags too quickly and prevent you and others from getting rid of the parts that spread these pest plants.

Seeds and seed pods only:

- ✓ **Blue morning glory - vines and roots**
- ✓ **Brush wattle - seed pods only**
- ✓ **Banana passionfruit - seed pods only**
- ✓ **Agapanthus - seed heads**
- ✓ **English ivy - seed pods only**
- ✓ **Privet, loquat, monkey apple (acmena) - fruits and seeds only (NOT branches)**
- ✓ **Bangalow palm, phoenix palm - seeds only**

Roots or stems accepted:

- ✓ **Agapanthus** - roots **(not currently at 9 July 2024 onward until updated otherwise)**
- ✓ **Fruit salad plant (*Monstera deliciosa*)** - roots and stems only **(not currently at 9 July 2024 onward until updated otherwise)**

Absolutely NOT accepted

Putting these in the pest plant bins will result in the bin being filled too quickly and may prevent it being collected. Please use other methods to dispose of the following.

- X **Cabbage tree leaves**
- X **Bamboo or giant reed** - leave on site to break down in a controlled manner
- X **Branches** - leave on site to break down or chop for firewood
- X **Jasmine, blue morning glory, tradescantia** - we can lend you a water barrel or weed bag to help decompose these on site
- X **Kikuyu grass**
- X **Household waste**
- X **Inorganic matter**

Alternative disposal methods

All weed tissues that will not regrow, such as **leaves and stems of** ginger or woolly nightshade, can be left as mulch or composted. Learn more about what pest plant parts are invasive by reading plant description at www.weedbusters.org.nz

Invasive seeds, roots and other weed tissues that can regrow can be disposed of in other ways:

- Use your own **household waste collection**
- Use a **transfer station**
- If you have a **green waste collection which goes to hot composting**
- **Container of water with lid** - regenerative parts rot down in 6 months or longer

- **"Super" weed bags** - large woven plastic bags designed to compost some weed species over a number of months - available to bush groups - to purchase see ecomatters.org.nz/ecomatters-store/online/. Reserve volunteers can get for free for parks.



Weed bag large (1.8m x 2.4m)



Weed bag small (1.8m x 1.8m)

[Email us](#) or visit our [Tool Shed events](#) for more information.

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Working around kauri trees?

If you have been working around kauri trees or removing pest plants from close by, please follow these precautions to reduce the risk of spreading kauri dieback disease:

- Avoid weeding around kauri (an area around 3 times the canopy width is recommended), unless native trees are at serious threat from pest plants.
- Clean all soil and dirt from footwear and equipment at the site of the kauri. Avoid moving soil or dirt away from the area.
- If you have to pull up pest plants from around kauri, attempt to dispose of the plants on site such as in a barrel of water or weed bag first.
- Avoid any digging around kauri to avoid damaging the roots.

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