

# Got Invasives? Get Help!<sup>1</sup>

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Have an invasive exotic plant problem? Use the Florida-Invasives.org website to find financial and/or technical assistance to manage or prevent an infestation.

FloridaInvasives.org is an online resource of management assistance programs to help in your fight against problematic plant species. This resource takes the guesswork out of finding the agencies or organizations offering assistance and will direct you to available programs. It will also provide you with the requirements for each program, to see if they are a good match to your needs.

## Why was FloridaInvasives.org developed?

Public and private land managers have identified the high ecological and economic cost of invasive species as a statewide problem in Florida. The Florida Invasive Species Partnership (FISP) is a collaboration of federal, state and local agencies along with nongovernment organizations in Florida, formed to link efforts at preventing and controlling infestations of invasive exotic plants across agency and property boundaries. FISP has developed an on line tool of available financial and technical assistance sources to make it easier for landowners and land managers to find them.

## How does FloridaInvasives.org help you?

Each year, multiple agencies and organizations provide cost-share programs, grants and/or technical assistance to help landowners and land managers with various agriculture or natural resource management practices. Invasive exotic species management is an important practice covered within many of these programs.

Previously, you would need to contact every agency or organization yourself to find this assistance. Now, Florida-Invasives.org provides program information in one location for your convenience. Simply enter your county location, target species and other pertinent information into the online tool, and you can view a complete list of available programs.

FloridaInvasives.org is convenient, builds community awareness, leverages limited resources through cooperation, and may reduce individual land management costs. This resource will be regularly updated with new program information to provide you up-to-date opportunities. Log on at <http://FloridaInvasives.org> to find assistance with your invasive species problem.

## Conclusion

The Florida Invasive Species Partnership has created FloridaInvasives.org to help connect Florida's land owners and land managers with available technical and/or financial

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assistance programs to prevent or control invasive exotic species problems. These programs have been collected, evaluated and categorized in a single resource to make it easier for you to find the financial and/or technical assistance that meets your personal needs.

Visit <http://FloridaInvasives.org> to find out more.