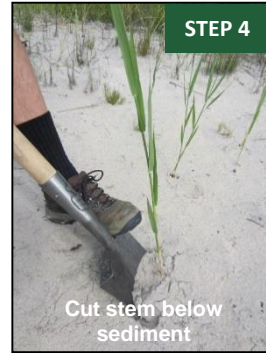


# Spading Method to Remove Invasive Phragmites



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# Tips for Effective Phragmites Spading

- » Spading can be used on dry land or in water
- » Spading can occur several times during the growing season as new shoots arise
- » If spading can only occur once, the best time to cut is when the plant reaches peak height, when the seed head is emerging, as this depletes more stored nutrients and energy in the belowground structures
- » Do not try to dig out the plants as this will stimulate more growth
- » Proper disposal of cut plants will reduce spread; do not compost unless the area is contained and new shoots can be destroyed; if dried plants cannot be burned, burial to a depth of 1 m or storage in plastic bags until rotten are viable options.
- » If seeds are present, pull plant over, place seed head into a plastic bag and cut from the stalk using pruners prior to spading; dispose of seeds when rotten

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