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## Operational Specifications for disposal of GM petunias 2017

The varieties identified as genetically modified (GM) and currently known to have been imported into New Zealand are marketed under the names African Sunset (an orange flowered variety), Trilogy Red (also known as Diva Red) and Trilogy Deep Purple (also known as Diva Deep Purple).

### Commercial plant producer industry (plant nurseries, plant retailers)

If petunia seed stocks are held of the GM varieties, return these to the importer/distributor from whom they were purchased.

MPI is working with the importers to collect and destroy these risk seeds.

If plant stocks of the GM risk petunia varieties are held, immediately remove them from sale or further distribution and destroy. Destruction methods might include:

- council collected domestic / household waste (not green waste)
- incineration
- autoclave / steam sterilisation
- deep burial

If vegetative propagation of GM risk petunia varieties is being undertaken, all mother plants and propagated plants must be destroyed.

### Gardeners

If petunia plants are currently being grown, and it is considered they may possibly be the genetically modified (GM) varieties, then remove plants and place into domestic / household waste disposal.

For councils that separate green waste, recyclables and true waste, please use the true waste (not the green waste). Any seed or unplanted seedlings can be disposed of the same way.

We ask that the public not dispose of plant material or seeds in compost or green waste.