

Be a part of the solution!

- ✓ IT'S THE LAW: Don't trailer or launch your boat before removing all hitchhiking plants and animals and placing them in the trash.
- ✓ Don't discard unwanted live bait or its packing into the water.
- ✓ Drain your engine, "live well", and bilge on land before leaving the area.
- ✓ Rinse your vessel, trailer, and equipment.
- ✓ Air dry your vessel and equipment for as long as possible.
- ✓ Don't release unwanted aquarium plants or animals into our waters.
- ✓ Avoid docking or beaching your vessel in reeds, plants and grasses.



**STOP AQUATIC
HITCHHIKERS!**

Prevent the transport of nuisance species.
Clean all recreational equipment.
www.ProtectYourWaters.net

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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Weed Control Board

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www.nwcb.wa.gov

Washington Department of

Fish & Wildlife

360.902.2700

<http://wdfw.wa.gov/fish/ans/ans1.htm>

Washington Department of Ecology

1.800.633.6193

<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/plants/weeds/index.html>



Aquatic Plants



FRAGRANT WATERLILY

A Boater's Guide

Are You Spreading Aquatic Invaders?

**STOP
Harmful
Species**

Unwanted plants and animals can ruin your favorite fishing and boating waters.

PLEASE!

- Remove **ALL** aquatic plants and animals.
- **Drain** water from your boat, trailer, tackle and gear **before** leaving the area.
- Do **NOT** empty aquariums or bait.

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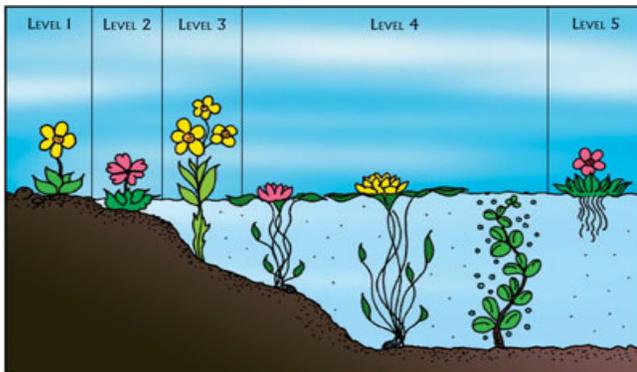
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Smaller native elodea are seen here with the larger invasive Brazilian elodea to the right.



Outside their native home some plants and animals can:

- Cause billions of dollars worth of economic damage.
- Create dangerous swimming conditions!
- Upset our region's natural and ecological balance.
- Cripple sport and commercial fisheries.
- Aquatic plants also limit many uses of the lake.
- Can corrode boat gear and decrease the value of your investment.



Introducing non-native species into Washington waters can upset the balance of the ecosystem. Aquatic nuisance species such as New Zealand mud snails most often spread between waterways by hitching a ride on vessels and trailers. When transplanted into new waters, these organisms proliferate, displacing native species and damaging our precious natural resources.



Plant 'hitchhikers' you may encounter:

- Brazilian Elodea
- Parrotfeather
- Eurasian Watermilfoil
- Fragrant Waterlily
- Purple Loosestrife
- Japanese or Giant Knotweed
- Fanwort
- Hydrilla

