

NEVER RELEASE AQUATIC PLANTS OR ANIMALS INTO WATERWAYS

- Inspect purchases and remove unwanted eggs, animals, seeds, plants or plant parts.
- Seal unwanted plants and packaging material in a plastic bag and place in trash. If possible, freeze the bag before disposal.
- Sterilize waste water (1/4 teaspoon bleach for each gallon of water) and pour down the toilet - never down a storm drain.
- Find a new owner or seek advice on humane disposal for unwanted animals.

MANY PLANTS AVAILABLE TO AQUARIUM OWNERS ARE INVASIVE

If introduced into our waterways -either accidentally or intentionally- they can reduce the amount of food available to fish and wildlife and change how ecosystems function.

They can also cost millions to eradicate or control.

Growing only non-weedy or regionally native plants is one way you can help protect our natural areas from aquatic invaders.

For more information on aquatic invaders in the marketplace and to learn about species regulations for your state, visit:

TakeAIM.org/aquarium-plants

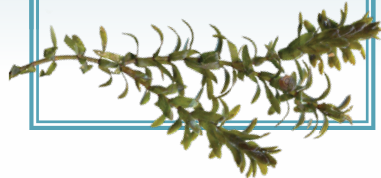


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WHAT'S — IN YOUR — AQUARIUM?

PROTECT OUR NATURAL AREAS
PURCHASE ONLY NON-INVADERS



Common names can be misleading. Using scientific names can help you make better purchases.



PURCHASE THESE NON-INVADERS

Aponogeton natans - ---

Blyxa japonica - ---

Bolbitis heteroclita - ---

Cardamine lyrata - Japanese cress

Ceratophyllum demersum - hornwort

Elodea canadensis - American waterweed

Glossostigma elatinoides - glosso

Heteranthera zosterifolia - stargrass

Hottonia palustris - water violet

Lilaeopsis brasiliensis - Brazilian micro sword

Lilaeopsis novae-zelandiae - micro sword

Ludwigia inclinata - ---

Ludwigia ovalis - oval ludwigia

Microcarpaea minima - chickenweed sparrow

Monosolenium tenerum - pellia

Nechamandra alternifolia - nechamandra

Potamogeton gayi - ---

Rotala mexicana - ---

Rotala wallichii - whorly rotala

Utricularia aurea - golden bladderwort

AVOID THESE INVADERS

Egeria densa - Brazilian waterweed or anacharis

Hydrilla verticillata - hydrilla

Lagarosiphon major - oxygen weed

Limnophila sessiliflora - dwarf ambulia

Myriophyllum aquaticum - parrot feather

Myriophyllum spicatum - Eurasian watermilfoil

Najas minor - brittle waternymph

Potamogeton crispus - curly pondweed