

MORE WAYS YOU CAN HELP

- Build your water garden away from waterways and flood-prone areas.
- Rinse plants before planting to remove animals, eggs and other plants or plant parts.
- Weed out uninvited plants.
- Seal unwanted plants in a plastic bag and place them in the trash. If possible, freeze the bag before disposal.
- Never release plants or animals into waterways.

MANY PLANTS AVAILABLE TO WATER GARDENERS 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 water gardens and aquatic invaders in the marketplace (AIM), visit www.TakeAIM.org/card



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WHAT'S
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<i>Asclepias incarnata</i> (swamp milkweed)	<i>Lobelia cardinalis</i> (cardinal flower)	<i>Lemna minor</i> (common duckweed)
<i>Caltha palustris</i> (marsh marigold)	<i>Mimulus ringens</i> (Allegheny monkey flower)	<i>Nelumbo lutea</i> (American lotus)
<i>Decodon verticillatus</i> (swamp loosestrife)	<i>Orontium aquaticum</i> (golden club)	<i>Nuphar advena</i> (spatterdock)
<i>Glyceria canadensis</i> (rattlesnake manna grass)	<i>Peltandra virginica</i> (green arrow arum)	<i>Nymphaea odorata</i> (fragrant water lily)
<i>Hibiscus moscheutos</i> (crimson-eyed rose mallow)	<i>Pontederia cordata</i> (pickerelweed)	<i>Ceratophyllum demersum</i> (hornwort)
<i>Iris versicolor</i> (blue flag iris)	<i>Sagittaria latifolia</i> (broadleaf arrowhead)	<i>Elodea canadensis</i> (American waterweed)
<i>Juncus effusus</i> (soft rush)	<i>Saururus cernuus</i> (lizard's tail)	<i>Potamogeton pectinatus</i> (sago pondweed)
<i>Justicia americana</i> (American water-willow)	<i>Schoenoplectus pungens</i> (common three-square)	
<i>Liatris spicata</i> (dense blazing star)	<i>Sparganium eurycarpum</i> (great bur-reed)	

AVOID THESE INVADERS

<i>Acorus calamus</i> (European sweetflag)	<i>Nasturtium officinale</i> (watercress)	<i>Nymphoides peltata</i> (yellow floating heart)
<i>Alternanthera philoxeroides</i> (alligatorweed)	<i>Phragmites australis</i> (common reed)	<i>Egeria densa</i> (anacharis)
<i>Butomus umbellatus</i> (flowering rush)	<i>Stratiotes aloides</i> (water soldier)	<i>Limnophila sessiliflora</i> (dwarf ambulia)
<i>Glyceria maxima</i> (reed manna grass)	<i>Typha angustifolia</i> (narrowleaf cattail)	<i>Myriophyllum aquaticum</i> (parrot feather)
<i>Houttuynia cordata</i> (chameleon plant)	<i>Aponogeton distachyos</i> (cape pondweed)	<i>Myriophyllum spicatum</i> (Eurasian watermilfoil)
<i>Iris pseudacorus</i> (yellow flag iris)	<i>Callitriche stagnalis</i> (pond water-starwort)	<i>Najas minor</i> (brittle water nymph)
<i>Lythrum salicaria</i> (purple loosestrife)	<i>Hydrocharis morsus-ranae</i> (European frogbit)	<i>Potamogeton crispus</i> (curlyleaf pondweed)
<i>Marsilea quadrifolia</i> (European waterclover)	<i>Nymphoides cristata</i> (crested floating heart)	

- Marginal
- Floating
- Submerged