## What are Exotic Aquatic Plants?



Exotic Aquatic Plants are those species that are not native to a particular area, and when introduced, cause significant problems for our waterbodies.

New Hampshire is currently battling eight species of Exotic Aquatic Plants in its lakes and waterways. More than 75 waterbodies are now impacted by exotic aquatic plant growths in New Hampshire.

These invasive plant species can reduce the recreational value of waterbodies, and can decrease the economic value of waterfront property according to a 2001 study by the University of New Hampshire. These plants can also be dangerous to swim in, and can harm native aquatic plants and animals.

The map included in this brochure is intended to be a guide to the waterbodies that have existing Exotic Aquatic Plant problems.



## Each time you launch or remove your boat from a waterbody, check the boat, trailer and hitch for attached plant fragments. Remove all fragments from your equipment, and dispose of them away from the waterbody.

- Avoid boating or fishing in areas with dense plant growth
- Steer clear of marked "Restricted Use Areas" on waterbodies. These areas were established to contain Exotic Aquatic Plant fragments.
- Look for signs posted at boat launch locations. These signs will warn if that waterbody has an Exotic Aquatic Plant.
- Join the Volunteer Weed Watcher Program and help monitor for Exotic Aquatic Plants.

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## ATTENTION BOATERS!

Are you unknowingly spreading Exotic Aquatic Plants?

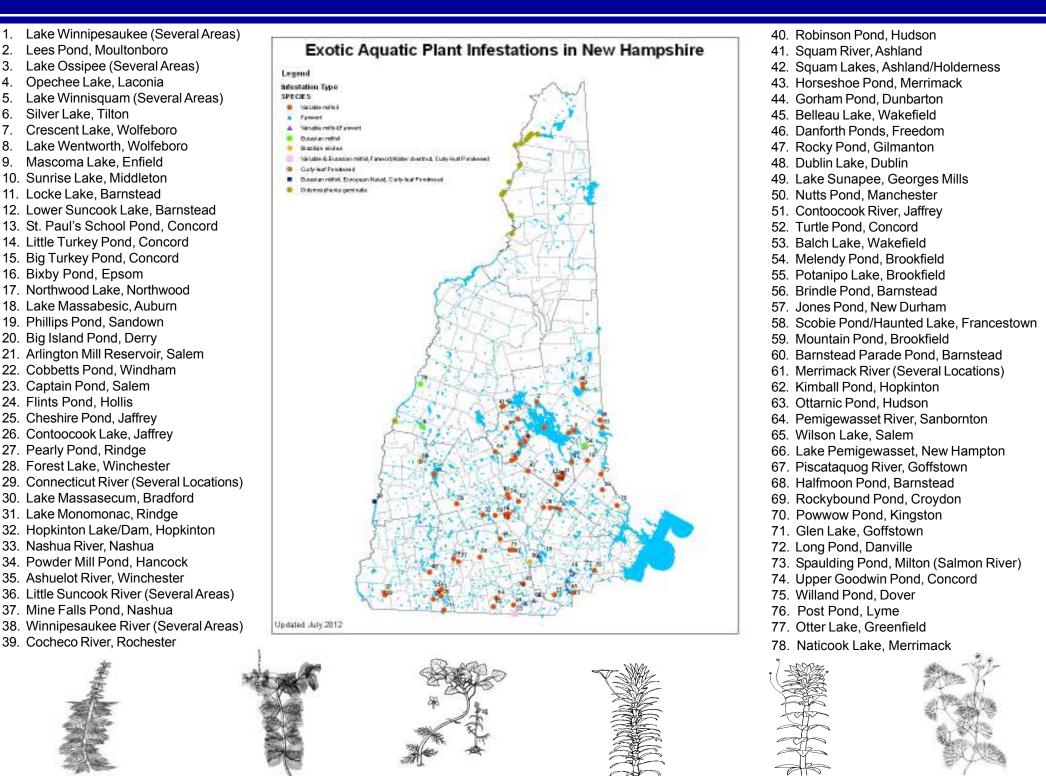


Have you been boating, fishing or recreating on waterbodies with Exotic Aquatic Plants?



It is *illegal* to transport and introduce Exotic Aquatic Plants in New Hampshire!

## WHAT CAN YOU DO?



Variable milfoil Myriophyllum heterophyllum

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Eurasian milfoil Myriophyllum spicatum

Water chestnut Trapa natans

Brazilian elodea Egeria densa

Hvdrilla Hydrilla verticillata

Fanwort Cabomba caroliniana