

What is the Rule?

This rule makes it illegal to sell, gift, barter, exchange, distribute, transport, or introduce aquatic plants on the enclosed list in the State of Indiana.

When Did the Rule Go Into Effect?

Originally signed by Governor Mitch Daniels, the rule went into effect in 2012. More species were added in 2019.

What Happens If I'm Found Selling or Transporting Material Listed in the Aquatic Plant Rule?

If you are found to be selling material listed on the Aquatic Plant Rule, a Notice of Stop Sale will be issued for that material, and a Notice of Violation can be issued. If a Notice of Violation is issued, a fine could be levied of \$500 per day per plant, and Nursery licenses can be revoked. Fines can also be levied for transporting listed plants in or on vehicles, watercraft, or trailers.

What If I Have Questions About the Rule?

You can contact the Division of Entomology & Plant Pathology at:

Phone: 317-232-4120 or 866-NO-EXOTIC

Fax: 317-232-2649

Email: DEPP@dnr.IN.gov

Or contact your local nursery inspector, who is listed at:
IN.gov/dnr/entomology/division-staff/

What If I Have Questions About Aquatic Invasive Species?

Contact the Division of Fish & Wildlife at:

Phone: 317-234-3883

Email: AIS@dnr.IN.gov

Indiana Aquatic Plant Rule

312 IAC 18-3-23

What You Need to Know



DNR
Indiana Department
of Natural Resources

Division of Fish & Wildlife
on.IN.gov/wildlife

Division of Entomology & Plant Pathology
on.IN.gov/depp

What Aquatic Plants Are on the List?

<i>Azolla pinnata</i> *	Mosquito fern
<i>Butomus umbellatus</i>	Flowering rush
<i>Caulerpa taxifolia</i> *	Caulerpa/Mediterranean killer algae
<i>Egeria densa</i>	Brazilian elodea/Anacharis/Egeria
<i>Eichhornia azurea</i> *	Anchored water hyacinth
<i>Hydrilla verticillata</i> *	Hydrilla/water thyme
<i>Hydrocharis morsus-ranae</i>	European frogbit or common frogbit
<i>Hygrophilia polysperma</i> *	Miramar weed/Indian swampweed/hygro
<i>Ipomoea aquatica</i> *	Chinese water spinach/swamp morning-glory
<i>Iris pseudacorus</i>	Yellow flag iris/tall yellow iris
<i>Lagarosiphon major</i> *	Oxygen weed/African elodea
<i>Limnophila sessiliflora</i> *	Asian marshweed/ambulia
<i>Monochoria hastata</i> *	Monochoria/arrowleaf/false pickerelweed
<i>Monochoria vaginalis</i> *	Heartshape/false pickerelweed
<i>Myriophyllum aquaticum</i>	Parrot feather/parrot feather watermilfoil
<i>Myriophyllum spicatum</i>	Eurasian watermilfoil
<i>Najas minor</i>	Brittle naiad/brittle water nymph
<i>Nitellopsis obtusa</i>	Starry stonewort
<i>Nymphoides peltata</i>	Yellow floating heart
<i>Ottelia alismoides</i> *	Duck lettuce
<i>Potamogeton crispus</i>	Curlyleaf pondweed
<i>Sagittaria sagittifolia</i> *	Arrowhead
<i>Salvinia auriculata</i> *	Giant Salvinia
<i>Salvinia biloba</i> *	Giant Salvinia
<i>Salvinia herzogii</i> *	Giant Salvinia
<i>Salvinia molesta</i> *	Giant Salvinia
<i>Sparganium erectum</i> *	Exotic bur-reed
<i>Stratiotes aloides</i>	Water soldier
<i>Trapa natans</i>	Water chestnut
<i>Typha angustifolia</i>	Narrow-leaf cattail

* Species is also a federal noxious species

Why Are These Plants Being Regulated?

Millions of dollars are spent annually to control invasive species. To qualify as an invasive species a plant must be alien and cause harm either to the environment or to human health. Unfortunately, many aquatic invasive plants started out in the horticultural industry and escaped cultivation invading our waters. Invasive species are responsible for habitat destruction and a decrease in biodiversity.

Why This List of Plants?

DNR staff and researchers from The Nature Conservancy combined efforts to determine the aquatic plants known to be in trade and performed risk assessments for all species. Plants with the most risk to Indiana waters or those which are federally regulated are prohibited under this rule.

What Other Plants Are Regulated in Indiana?

There are other species that are regulated under Indiana Code. They include multiflora rose, Canada thistle and many other terrestrial invasive species. They can be found at: IN.gov/dnr/entomology/regulatory-information/

What Aquatic Plants Are Restricted Under Other Rules?

Phragmites australis	Common/giant reed (312 IAC 18-3-25)
Lythrum salicaria	Purple loosestrife (312 IAC 18-3-13)
Phalaris arundinacea	Reed canarygrass (312 IAC 18-3-25)