

Eurasian Watermilfoil Alert on Rush Lake

Eurasian watermilfoil (EWM) confirmed on Rush Lake

- This is to inform you that Eurasian watermilfoil (EWM) was detected on Rush Lake during the survey to map the 2014 treatment areas for the invasive curlyleaf pondweed that infests Briggs, Rush and Julia.
- The DNR was immediately notified and conducted a survey that confirmed EWM is present in Rush Lake.
- A sign announcing the infestation has been placed at the Rush Lake landing.
- Because EWM is not rooted in Briggs or Julia lakes, no signs announcing the EWM infestation were placed at their landings, even though boats launched there can travel into Rush.

Eurasian watermilfoil Information

- Eurasian watermilfoil reproduces by fragmentation so it is important to avoid the infested areas to not shred the plants and spread the pieces around to infest other areas.
- Below is a copy of the DNR survey locating sites where EWM is growing.
- Please note the sites and avoid them while boating. ***Stay away from them!***
- Shredded pieces could easily find their way into Lily Creek and into Big Elk Lake due to the proximity to the dam outflow.
- Please spread this information to neighbors, guests and others who will be boating on the upper three lakes to help control the infestation.
- Make double sure boats, trailers, jet skis, docks, swim platforms, etc. are carefully inspected, properly cleaned and dried **before** they are transported from our lakes.
- Make double sure the debris and plant matter removed from our lakes and shorelines is properly dried before it is transported to waste sites.
- Below is a copy of the DNR permit you are required to have in possession when transporting lake and shoreline debris and plant matter from infested areas. The permit might seem directed at transporting plants infested with Zebra Mussels and other invasive species but it is also the one you need to comply with and have in your possession to transport just curlyleaf pondweed, Eurasian milfoil or other invasive species aquatic plants for disposal.
- Read the instructions, they tell you how to dry and handle the plant material to prevent spreading it.

Steps the BLCA is taking to deal with EWM

- The DNR has permitted the chemical treatment of 5.4 acres for EWM and the BLCA has contracted a company to spray the area.
- The BLCA is working on a grant to help pay for this.
- The BLCA is investigating the plant and ways to control it.
- The BLCA is exploring ways to educate lake users about the plant.
- The BLCA is investigating ways to effectively warn residents, their guests and all other lake visitors where the infested areas are, the importance to avoid them and remind everybody it is their responsibility to do everything they can to not transport or otherwise spread it to other water bodies.

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- Print out extra copies and distribute them around the lakes. Help spread this important information; everyone needs to be aware of his or her new responsibility.



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Dark Dots indicate where Eurasian
watermilfoil was found rooted in Rush Lake

Legend

- Rush_Sherburne_EWM_5-30-14
- Emergent vegetation
- Rush_Sherburne_EWM_5-30-14 Tracks (2)
- Rush_Sherburne_EWM_2014_Approved_treatment_area

0 0.05 0.1 0.2 Miles

Rush Lake (DOW 71014700), Sherburne County
Eurasian watermilfoil Survey 5-30-2014



**Authorization Form for Shoreland Owners to
Transport Aquatic Plants and/or Prohibited Invasive Species
for Disposal
(Authorization under Minnesota Statutes,
sections 84D.09.2(2) and 84D.05.1(5))**

This authorization specifies the procedures that must be followed for shoreland landowners to transport:

- 1) aquatic plants,
- 2) prohibited invasive species (e.g., Eurasian water milfoil, curly-leaf pondweed, and flowering rush), and/or
- 3) aquatic plants with attached prohibited invasive species (e.g., zebra mussel) from their property for disposal purposes.

This form must be completed in full and signed by the shoreland owner, and be in possession while transporting aquatic plants and attached zebra mussels or other prohibited invasive species from infested waters for disposal purposes. The aquatic plants, zebra mussels/other prohibited invasive species may be transported from the listed departure site to the listed disposal location only if the person:

- dries the aquatic plants and attached material for 5 days prior to transporting;
- transports the aquatic plants and zebra mussels in a covered trailer, covered container, or wrapped the material sufficiently to keep plants from being blown out during transporting;
- lawfully disposes all the plants and attached material at least 300 feet from shoreland areas, ditches, or seasonally flooded lands;
- removes all aquatic plants and prohibited invasive species from the conveyance device (e.g., trailer, pickup truck) and any cover materials at the disposal site; and
- transports the aquatic plants and prohibited species for non-commercial purposes.

Instructions: Complete all of the following information before transport. Use a separate form for each day that transportation authority is needed. Sign the form to make it effective, and carry the form with you while transporting the material for disposal.

Person's Name: _____
(the riparian landowner of the departure address)

Transportation Date: _____

Departure address: _____

Disposal address: _____

I have read and agree to follow the above transportation conditions.

Signature of the Shoreland Landowner

Date