

PREVENT THE SPREAD OF AQUATIC NOXIOUS WEEDS

Aquatic noxious weeds are plants that are invasive and non-native to Washington. After being introduced to local waterbodies, these invasive plants outcompete native plants, destroy animal habitat, and reduce recreational use of lakes and rivers.



Aquatic Noxious Weeds come in many forms...

Emergent



Purple Loosestrife

Floating Leaf



Fragrant Water Lily

Floating Mat



Parrotfeather

Submerged



Eurasian Watermilfoil

How to help?

- Clean equipment such as boats, waders, and boots before visiting a new lake to avoid spreading weeds from one lake to another
- Do not dump aquariums into waters to prevent the spread of noxious weeds
- Download the **King County Connect app** on your phone to identify and report noxious weeds
- Learn about and report noxious weeds at **kingcounty.gov/weeds** or call **206-477-WEED** (206-477-9333)



THEY ALL CAUSE ENVIRONMENTAL & ECONOMIC IMPACTS:

Noxious weeds cost King County **MILLIONS OF DOLLARS** in environmental damages, maintenance, & control costs.



Potential impact of **1.3 billion dollars** without prevention and control



19% decline in property values due to watermilfoil infestation