



Canada Waterweed is introduced to new habitats when aquarium contents are released into freshwater habitats. Dumping aquarium contents introduces invasive species.



Canada Waterweed can clog pond habitats. PEI ponds provide essential resources for a wide range of important native species like fish, amphibians, grasses, sedges, and aquatic flora.

Canada Waterweed is a frequently used aquarium plant that can become highly invasive when released into wild habitats. It has small bright green leaves and begins growing in early spring in cool water.

Canada Waterweed grows rapidly when exposed to its preferred conditions. It can clog shallow ponds, slow-flowing rivers, and streams; making the water difficult or impossible to use for recreational purposes. It harms freshwater ecosystems by:

- Preventing or slowing fish movement due to choked waterways
- Changing makeup of water, altering water quality
- Overtaking and outcompeting native plants

Canada Waterweed is an invasive species in PEI. Do your part in preserving native ecosystems by preventing the spread of invasive species.



CANADA WATERWEED

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The release of non-native aquarium plants can significantly impact the environment and economic success of recreational fisheries. Introduced aquarium plants can become established and invasive in PEI waters. **Canada Waterweed** has been found ponds in Stratford and Montague, PE. Invasive plants like **Canada Waterweed** alter habitat and increase competition for valuable native flora and fauna.

Take action in reporting invasive species. To report a sighting or for more information please contact PEI Invasive Species Council at peiinvasives@gmail.com or go to peiinvasives.com

To prevent the spread of unwanted invasive species, ensure that you:

DON'T LET IT LOOSE

NEVER release plants or animals into waters in which they weren't originally caught

To prevent the spread of unwanted invasive species, ensure that you:

CLEAN plants, animals and mud from your boat, trailer and gear

DRAIN all water from your boat, trailer and gear onto land

DRY all parts of your boat, trailer and gear completely

