



General Permit: Herbarium Specimens of Invasive Aquatic Plants

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR)
Division of Ecological and Water Resources
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Who needs to follow this general permit

If you have herbarium specimens of any of the prohibited invasive species of plants or algae listed below, maintained as part of a herbarium associated with a research, education, or government organization, you may possess, transport, and purchase those specimens according to the conditions below.

How to use this general permit

You do not need to keep a copy of this permit. You do need to read and follow the permit conditions below. Please check the DNR's [aquatic invasive species permit website](#) and sign up for permit updates to learn about changes to this permit.

Permit conditions

Species:

This permit applies only to herbarium specimens of prohibited invasive species that are plants or algae and listed in [Minnesota Rules, 6216.0250](#), subp. 2 and 2a, including hybrids, cultivars or varieties of:

African oxygen weed (*Lagarosiphon major*)
aquarium watermoss or giant salvinia (*Salvinia molesta*)
Australian stonecrop (*Crassula helmsii*)
brittle naiad (*Najas minor*)
curly-leaf pondweed (*Potamogeton crispus*)
Eurasian watermilfoil (*Myriophyllum spicatum*)
European frog-bit (*Hydrocharis morsus-ranae*)
flowering rush (*Butomus umbellatus*)
hydrilla (*Hydrilla verticillata*)

Indian swampweed (*Hygrophila polysperma*)
purple loosestrife (*Lythrum salicaria*, *Lythrum virgatum*, or any variety, hybrid, or cultivar thereof)
starry stonewort (*Nitellopsis obtusa*)
water aloe or water soldiers (*Stratiotes aloides*)
water chestnut (*Trapa natans*)
plants on the Federal noxious weed list (CFR title 7, section 360.200), except Chinese water spinach (*Ipomoea aquatica*)

Authorized use:

You may possess, transport, and purchase herbarium specimens for educational or research purposes if the specimens are part of a herbarium maintained in association with an educational, research, or government organization or institution. Failure to comply with this permit may be a violation of *Minnesota Statutes*, 84D.05.

Other jurisdictions:

This permit applies to your use of the herbarium specimens in Minnesota. You may need other state, provincial, or federal permits outside of Minnesota.

Dates valid:

This permit is valid until December 31, 2024.

Who to contact if you have questions

If you have questions about what activities are included under this permit, or if you need additional permits, contact a local invasive species specialist (see the list of DNR's [contacts for aquatic invasive species](#)), or call the DNR Division of Ecological and Water Resources at 651-259-5100.