



General Permit: Preserved Specimens of Invasive Species

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 preserved specimens of any of the prohibited invasive species listed below that you use for education or research purposes, you need to use and maintain the specimens according to the conditions below.

How to use this general permit

You do not need to keep a copy of this permit. You 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

Scope:

- This permit applies only to preserved specimens of these [prohibited invasive species](#):

curly-leaf pondweed (<i>Potamogeton crispus</i>)	red swamp crayfish (<i>Procambarus clarkii</i>)
Eurasian watermilfoil (<i>Myriophyllum spicatum</i>)	round goby (<i>Neogobius melanostomus</i>)
faucet snail (<i>Bithynia tentaculata</i>)	ruffe (<i>Gymnocephalus cernuus</i>)
New Zealand mud snail (<i>Potamopyrgus antipodarum</i>)	tubenose goby (<i>Proterorhinus marmoratus</i>)
purple loosestrife (<i>Lythrum salicaria</i> , <i>Lythrum virgatum</i> , or any variety thereof)	zebra or quagga mussel (<i>Dreissena spp.</i>)
- This permit applies only to specimens that are either:
 - 1) completely encased in hardened acrylic, epoxy, lacquer, or similar material, or
 - 2) inside a sealed container that is filled with a preservation fluid and in which the species could not survive. Faucet snails and New Zealand mud snail shells that are clean and dry, with no soft tissue, may be kept in a sealed container without fluid.
- This permit does not authorize you to collect prohibited invasive species that are dead or alive to create preserved specimens.
- You may possess and transport preserved specimens of the species listed above for education or research purposes. Failure to comply with this permit may be a violation of *Minnesota Statutes*, 84D.05.
- This permit applies to your use of the preserved specimens in Minnesota. You may need other state, provincial, or federal permits outside of Minnesota.
- This permit is valid through 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.