



General Permit: Collect and move beetles and plant material for purple loosestrife biocontrol

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR)
Division of Ecological and Water Resources
500 Lafayette Road, Box 25, St. Paul, Minnesota 55155

Do I need this permit?

You need this permit to possess and transport purple loosestrife stems and leaves needed to move purple loosestrife beetles (*Galerucella pusilla*, *Galerucella californiensis*) to locations with abundant purple loosestrife populations for management. This permit allows you to collect insects from established sites and move them to new purple loosestrife populations and use purple loosestrife plant parts for beetle food in transit.

How to use this permit

1. Read and follow all permit conditions.
2. Fully complete the Permittee Information portion below. Sign the permit to make it valid.
3. Ensure that any individual working or volunteering for the organization and doing collect and move activities has a copy of the signed permit while conducting permitted activity.

Permit conditions

- Permittee must be 18 years of age or older for this permit to be valid. Designees may be under the age of 18.
- You must have a copy of this permit in your possession while collecting and transporting the plant.
- You may collect, possess, and transport stems and leaves (non-propagating parts) of purple loosestrife (*Lythrum salicaria*, *Lythrum virgatum*, and any hybrids) for biological control purposes.
 - You may not possess or transport any propagating parts (e.g., flowers, seeds) of purple loosestrife.
- All plant parts must remain on-site where the beetles are placed or be placed into a sealed bag and disposed of in the trash.
- This permit is only valid within the State of Minnesota.
- The DNR may revoke this permit if necessary to protect the public or state resources and may inspect your facilities at any reasonable time.
- The State of Minnesota is not liable for any actions you take under this permit.
- Purple loosestrife is a Prohibited Control Noxious Weed in Minnesota. For more information, see <https://www.mda.state.mn.us/plants/pestmanagement/weedcontrol/fsmnwp>.
- Include information for reporting beetle locations to EDDMapS (should this be a permit condition?)

Monitoring

- Optionally, beetles observed at your collection site and where you moved them can be reported in our online reporting system EDDMapS BioControl. Download the Biocontrol app here: <https://www.eddmaps.org/apps.cfm>
- New to EDDMapS? Training can be found here: <https://www.eddmaps.org/training/>

Dates valid: This permit is valid until December 31, 2026.

Permittee information

Name of your organization: _____

Name of person responsible for activities under this permit: _____

Designees: _____

Signature of person responsible for activities under this permit	Date
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