

# Invasive Plant Alert



## Hydrilla (*Hydrilla verticillata*) is a highly invasive plant recently found in the Cayuga Inlet.

Hydrilla has small, pointed, often serrated leaves that are arranged around the stem in whorls of 4 to 8.

The plant's aggressive growth (25-foot stems can add up to an inch per day) can spread into shallow waters forming thick mats that block sunlight to native plants below. Thick growth of hydrilla can obstruct boating, swimming and fishing and have negative impacts on drinking water and other water withdrawal uses.

**Please help keep this harmful plant from spreading.**

**Clean all vegetation from your boat and recreational equipment (skis, tubes, fishing gear).**

**Dispose of the plant material on dry land.**



## STOP AQUATIC HITCHHIKERS!™

Prevent the transport of nuisance species.  
Clean all recreational equipment.

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### When you leave a body of water:

- Remove any visible mud, plants, fish or animals before transporting equipment.
- Eliminate water from equipment before transporting.
- Clean and dry anything that comes into contact with water (boats, trailers, equipment, clothing, dogs, etc.).
- Never release plants, fish or animals into a body of water unless they came out of that body of water.

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