

Make Your Own Lake Rake

For dock or boat use – toss the rake, sample aquatic plants, inspect them for the presence of hydrilla & other invasives.



Bob Johnson of Racine-Johnson Associates, Ithaca NY, holds a lake rake used in rake toss surveying.

Obtain two standard metal garden rakes – recycle old ones with broken handles, if available!

Saw/cut off the wooden handles.

Line up the two rake heads back-to-back and secure together with a hose clamp at each end.

Tape together the cut-off handles.

Tie strong, thin rope to the cut-off handles and wrap the entire end in tape.

The rope should be 5/16 inch thick (clothesline) and about 35 feet (ten m) long.

Keep one end of the lake rake rope tied to the boat or dock at all times!!!!

More information about doing Rake Toss Aquatic Vegetation Surveys is online at the NYS Federation of Lake Associations website:

[http://nysfola.mylaketown.com/uploads/tinymce/nysfola/Rake%20Toss%20NYSFOLA2010%20\(2\).pdf](http://nysfola.mylaketown.com/uploads/tinymce/nysfola/Rake%20Toss%20NYSFOLA2010%20(2).pdf)

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Penney Mapes Cook demonstrates impeccable rake toss style from her dock in Aurora.

