Invasive Species Alert

Hydrilla has been found in the Delaware & Raritan Canal!

Hydrilla is a highly invasive plant from Asia that grows in water. It grows quickly and forms thick mats that can kill fish and block the flow of water; interfering with boating, fishing, and the movement of drinking water. It can grow up to an inch a day, up to 25 feet long with slender stems and multiple branches and it is one of the most difficult aquatic invasive plants to control. Hydrilla can easily be spread by plant fragments that are transported by your boots or boat.

Please help protect our water!

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.

The New Jersey Water Supply Authority (NJWSA) Watershed Programs Division is a partner in the Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers Campaign of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. For more information about the campaign or about Hydrilla in the Raritan Basin, please visit: www.ProtectYourWaters.net Or www.RaritanBasin.org