

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!



STOP AQUATIC HITCHHIKERS!™

Prevent the transport of nuisance species.
Clean all recreational equipment.
Particularly waders/boots.
www.ProtectYourWaters.net

Invasive Hydrilla has whorls of more than three leaves with serrated edges

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

