

Please Inspect Your Docks and Shoreline for EURASIAN WATERMILFOIL and STARRY STONEWORT

Dear Bay Lakers,

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As part of the Bay Lake Improvement Association's efforts to fight **EURASIAN WATERMILFOIL (EWM)** and other **Aquatic Invasive Species** such as **Starry Stonewort** **WE NEED YOUR HELP.**

Zebra Mussels are now very widespread throughout the lake. Keep your boat and especially engine lower units out of the water so they don't get zebra mussels clogging the engine-cooling system intakes.

STARRY STONEWORT is a new invasive species that is spreading throughout Minnesota and is as serious a threat to the lake as EWM or more so. I am attaching a link to the DNR web page and some photographs for your information.

In the past, checking your shorelines and reporting heavy areas of Eurasian Watermilfoil has been very helpful in identifying and confirming treatment sites in the fall. I would ask again that we do this as well as be on the lookout for any signs of Starry Stonewort. Early controls are critical for Starry Stonewort should it be found in Bay Lake.

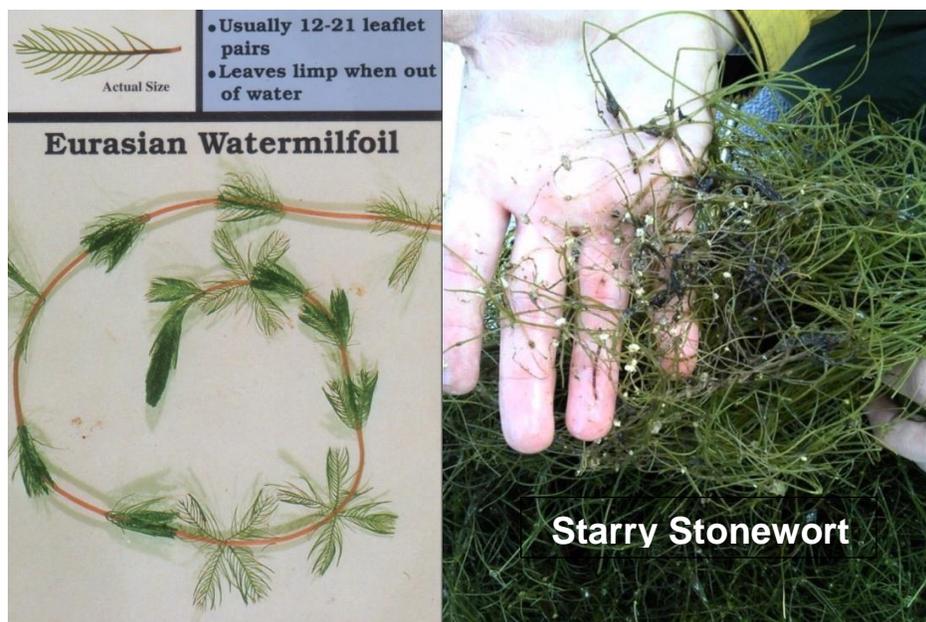
I would like to ask everyone who can, to please check your shoreline and around your docks as the season winds down and the docks and boats come out for signs of Eurasian Watermilfoil or Starry Stonewort.

- **Walk your shoreline and look in the shallows for any signs of EWM or Starry Stonewort.**
- **Check around your dock, lifts and boats. If you find EWM around your docks and it's a problem, remove what you can and dispose of it on shore.**
- **If you find what you think are larger areas of EWM or Starry Stonewort:**
 - ◇ **EMAIL A PHOTO** of your findings with location details to davidd953@msn.com or call 612-237-1827
 - ◇ **Or if you prefer... Take a sample in a plastic bag with a little water marked with your name and details of where you found it to Hansen's Store for us to review.**

More information on EWM and Zebra Mussels can be found the BLIA website at these sites.

<http://www.seagrant.umn.edu/ais/watermilfoil> and

<https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/invasives/aquaticplants/starrystonewort/index.html>



Thank you in advance for your help.

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