

What you need to know about Invasive species!

- Invasive species are nonnative plants, animals, and pathogens whose introduction may cause harm to the economy, environment, or human health.
- Invasive plants grow and reproduce rapidly; they're better competitors than other plants for resources such as light, nutrients, water, and space.
- Invasive plants are taking over parks, natural areas, and private lands throughout the state.
- Invasive species prevent tree regeneration, crowd out wildflowers and disturb animal habitat.
- Invasive species impact nearly half the species listed as threatened or endangered.
- Invasive species impede recreation such as boating, fishing, hunting, hiking, and biking.
- Invasive species can have severe economic impacts on industries like agriculture, forestry, and commercial fishing. Invasive species cost Americans more than \$130 billion a year.
- Invasive plants are easily spread by wind, water, animals, people and equipment. You can play a critical role in slowing their spread.

Everyone deserves to enjoy Wisconsin's great outdoors. Our woods, prairies, lakes and wetlands are part of our legacy.

Whether you take to the woods or the waters or just enjoy your own backyard there are some simple steps that you can take to prevent and slow the spread of invasive species.

Please do your part to help protect Wisconsin's natural treasures.

Do a Little - Save a Lot!



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Resources

Wisconsin DNR, Invasive Species- <http://dnr.wi.gov/invasives/>

NR 40-Invasive Species Identification, Classification & Control Rule- <http://dnr.wi.gov/invasives/classification/>

Best Management Practices for Invasive Species- <http://dnr.wi.gov/invasives/classification/prevent.htm>



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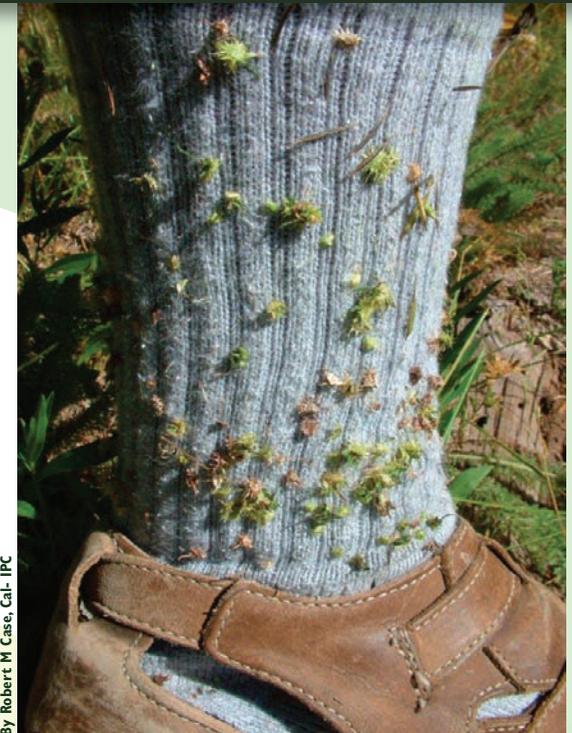
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Slow the Spread by Sole & Tread



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Don't let invasive species hitch a ride!

What YOU Can Do!

Whether your passion is bicycling, hiking, riding your ATV, hunting, or just smelling the flowers, there are some simple steps you can take to minimize spreading these unwanted species.

- 1 Learn to recognize invasive species
- 2 Don't move FIREWOOD
- 3 Don't dump bait worms in water or near forests
- 4 Don't buy or plant invasives
- 5 Stay on designated trails
- 6 Avoid areas with invasive plants
- 7 Clean your clothes, shoes, pets, equipment and tires
- 8 Volunteer to help control invasive species
- 9 Spread the Word - Help Educate others



Wild parsnip sap causes severe burns if it comes into contact with your skin in the presence of sunlight.
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What is Wisconsin doing About Invasive species?

In September of 2009 the Wisconsin State Legislature adopted ch. NR 40, Wis. Adm. Code, the Invasive Species Identification, Classification and Control Rule. The rule is aimed at helping citizens learn to identify and minimize the spread of invasive plants, animals and diseases that can invade our lands and waters and cause significant damage.

The Best Management Practices (BMPs) for Invasive Species were developed to complement the new rule. Through the efforts of professionals and volunteers from the Forestry, Recreation, Urban Forestry, and Transportation and Utility sectors, voluntary guidelines for simple everyday practices were developed for minimizing the spread of invasive species. The BMPs and ch. NR 40, Wis. Adm. Code are tools we can all use that will allow us to better identify and contain new invasives before they become established & prevent further spread of those that are already present.

