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EURASIAN WATER-MILFOIL

Myriophyllum spicatum

WHAT IS IT?

This underwater plant grows rapidly up to 20 feet long, and has thin stems with lots of feathery-looking leaves.

WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?

Originally from Europe and Asia, it's now a problem in hundreds of Wisconsin lakes. It forms dense stands that entangle boat motor propellers, and interfere with other water recreation. It's easily spread by boats and trailers.

MANAGEMENT

- Physical removal (DNR permit required except for raking and hand-cutting)
- Aquatic herbicides (with DNR permit only)
- Biological control by milfoil weevils (with DNR permit only)

WILD!

Out of the water it is as limp as spaghetti! This plant can spread from fragments only a few inches long.

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