

Know what you grow: be plant wise.



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Growing plants in garden ponds and private dams looks fantastic and creates wonderful homes for animals, but these plants can become freshwater pests if they get into rivers, creeks, lakes and wetlands.

Be responsible. Help stop freshwater pests in Victoria's waterways.

Follow these tips:

- Use permitted plants only.
- Buy plants from licensed retailers to help stop illegal import and trade.
- Plant local native plants instead.
- Dispose of unwanted plants and cuttings in the bin.
- Don't compost plants, because their seeds and other plant parts may spread.
- Don't give unwanted plants to friends or neighbours – it spreads the problem.
- Adhere to rules in the *Fisheries Act 1995* and *Catchment and Land Protection Act 1994*.

- ✓ **Look.**
- ✓ **Act.**
- ✓ **Protect.**

For further information about freshwater pests, please call the Victorian Government on 136 186 or visit:

Agriculture Victoria

www.agriculture.vic.gov.au/biosecurity

Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning

www.delwp.vic.gov.au

Victorian Fisheries Authority

www.vfa.vic.gov.au