Understanding Invasive Species

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Being a responsible hobbyist extends beyond your aquarium or water garden. Here's what you can do to help protect your local wetlands and waterways.

Do Not Release any aquarium or water garden plants or fish into local lakes and streams. They may become nuisance invaders crowding out native species and damaging local habitat for fish, birds, insects, and amphibians.

Please Do Your Part to protect our environment. Choose your plants and fish carefully, care for them responsibly, and if needed, dispose of them properly.

What to do with unwanted fish or plants:

- Trade or give to another aquarist or pond-keeper
- Donate to a local aquarium, elementary school, or biology department
- Sell or return to a local aquarium shop dealer

Proper disposal of unwanted plants includes drying, burning, composting or sealing in a plastic bag for disposal in household trash.

Learn to Recognize Commonly-Used Species that are Invasive or Potentially So. LiveAquaria.com will not ship species that are listed by the DNR as Invasive to your state. Other species that are not listed, but may be on a watch list for your area include:

Yellow Iris	Hydrilla	Water Hyacinth
Hybrid Water Lily	Purple Loosestrife	European Frogbit
Giant Salvinia	Flowering Rush	Indian Swampweed
Water Velvet	Ambulia	Water Chestnut
Parrot Feather	Yellow Floating Heart	Fanwort
Curly-Leaf Pondweed	Eurasian Water Milfoil	

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