



**RIPPLE**

REDUCE INVASIVE  
PET & PLANT ESCAPES

**TOGETHER  
WE CAN KEEP**

**MICHIGAN'S WATERWAYS**

**HEALTHY AND PURE**



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# HOW TO PREVENT ESCAPES

Remember—never release your aquatic plants and animals into local waterways or compost piles. For more information on aquatic invasive species, visit [mi.gov/invasivespecies](http://mi.gov/invasivespecies)

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**Inspect and rinse new aquatic plants to rid them of seeds, plant fragments, snails and fish.**

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**Build water gardens well away from other waters.**

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**Seal aquatic plants for disposal in a plastic bag in the trash. Do not compost.**

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**Give or trade unwanted fish or plants with another hobbyist, environmental learning center, aquarium or zoo.**

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**Contact a veterinarian or pet retailer for guidance on humane disposal of animals.**

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Report invasive species found in the wild to the Midwest Invasive Species Information Network:

[misin.msu.edu](http://misin.msu.edu)

The list of state-regulated species is regularly updated. For the latest information:

[michigan.gov/mdard](http://michigan.gov/mdard)



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