

# Please Inspect Your Docks and Shoreline for EURASIAN WATERMILFOIL and STARRY STONEWORT

Dear Bay Lakers,

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As part of the Bay Lake Improvement Association's efforts to fight **EURASIAN WATERMILFOIL (EWM)** and other **Aquatic Invasive Species** such as **Starry Stonewort** **WE NEED YOUR HELP.**

**Zebra Mussels** are now very widespread throughout the lake. Keep your boat and especially engine lower units out of the water so they don't get zebra mussels clogging the engine-cooling system intakes.

**STARRY STONEWORT** is a new invasive species that is spreading throughout Minnesota and is as serious a threat to the lake as EWM or more so.

In the past, checking your shorelines and reporting heavy areas of Eurasian Watermilfoil has been very helpful in identifying or confirming treatment sites in the fall. Please continue to do this as well as be on the lookout for any signs of Starry Stonewort. Early control is critical for Starry Stonewort should it be found in Bay Lake.

- \* **Check your shoreline and around your dock looking for any signs of Starry Stonewort.**
- \* **If you think you found Starry Stonewort... You can send me a photo with location details and or take a sample in a plastic bag with a little water marked with your name and details of where you found it to Hansen's Store for us to review.**
- \* **If you find what you think are larger areas of EWM that need to be treated send your findings with location details to [davidd953@msn.com](mailto:davidd953@msn.com) or call 612-237-1827.**

More information on EWM and Starry Stonewort can be found the BLIA website at these sites.

<http://www.seagrant.umn.edu/ais/watermilfoil> and

<https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/invasives/aquaticplants/starrystonewort/index.html>



Thank you in advance for your help.

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