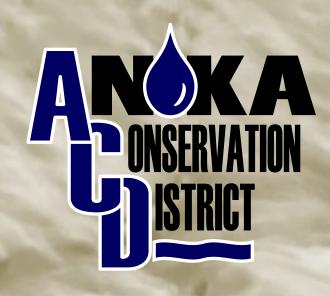
INVASIVE SPECIES

Combating a Threat to Native Ecosystems

Preventing the introduction of invasive species is much easier than removing them after they arrive.



Conservation

Starts at Home

Invasive species:

- Cause \$120 billion annually in damage nationwide
 - Lead to native species decline and extinction
 - Threaten fisheries, forestry, and recreation
 - Reduce property values

Emerald Ash Borer

Eurasian Water Milfoil

Kills Ash Trees

Buckthorn

Prescribed

Burn

Chokes Out Lakes

Help

Displaces Native Plants

Curly - Leaf

Pondweed

Disrupts Lake
Nutrient Cycles

Invasive Species

- Use only local or certified hay and firewood.
- Clean recreational equipment thoroughly.
 - Treat infestations on your property; methods vary by species.
 - Report new infestations to 'Arrest the Pest' hotline.

Wild Parsnip

Causes Rashes and Blistering

Diminishes
Fisheries and
Recreation

Silver

Zebra Mussel

Defoliates Forests

Gypsy

Moth

Clogs Equipment and Pipes