

# INVASIVE SPECIES



Combating a Threat to Native Ecosystems



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

## Invasive species:

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

# Help STOP 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.

**Eurasian Water Milfoil**  
Chokes Out Lakes

**Emerald Ash Borer**  
Kills Ash Trees

**Buckthorn**  
Displaces Native Plants

**Curly-Leaf Pondweed**  
Disrupts Lake Nutrient Cycles

**Wild Parsnip**  
Causes Rashes and Blistering

**Silver Carp**  
Diminishes Fisheries and Recreation

**Zebra Mussel**  
Clogs Equipment and Pipes

**Gypsy Moth**  
Defoliates Forests