

# MOST UNWANTED IN MEDICINE LAKE



## STARRY STONEWORT

### IDENTIFICATION

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## QUAGGA & ZEBRA MUSSELS

### IDENTIFICATION

Mussels attached to rocks, docks, plants, etc. are invasive. Our native mussels don't attach to things. They are found slightly buried in lake and river bottoms.

# OUR LAKE DOESN'T HAVE

## SPINY WATERFLEA

### IDENTIFICATION

Often found on fishing line or other equipment in clumps that resemble a gelatinous blob with a texture of wet cotton.



OR

## FLOWERING RUSH

### IDENTIFICATION

Without flowers it resembles native bulrush. The emergent form of flowering rush has three-angled fleshy leaves and may produce a cluster of pink flowers.



# LET'S KEEP IT THAT WAY!

# INVASIVE SPECIES NOT WELCOME

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## **INDIVIDUALS TO STOP THE SPREAD OF INVASIVE SPECIES.**

- ★ **Make sure no AIS are being transported to or from your lake.** Everything that enters and leaves the lake should be free of mud, plants, animals, and WATER—including privately or professionally sold or installed equipment. Even if you hire a lake service provider, ensure THEIR boats and equipment are also free of AIS. All watercraft and equipment should be dry for 20 days or adequately pressure washed.
- ★ **Report new infestations.** If you suspect a new infestation, note the exact location, take a photo or keep the specimen, and contact the AIS specialists in your region: MN DNR or [Brian.Vlach@ThreeRiversParks.org](mailto:Brian.Vlach@ThreeRiversParks.org)
- ★ **Stay informed.** Text MNDNR AIS to 468311 to subscribe to text updates or sign up for email updates at <https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/invasives/ais/index.html>
- ★ **Clean, drain, dry for 20 days and use decon stations.**

## **HELP US SPREAD THE WORD**

through Facebook and Nextdoor

Join Association of Medicine Lake Area Citizens (@AMLAC) on Facebook  
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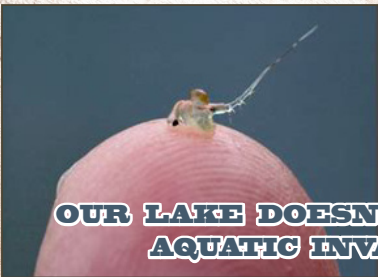
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