

DON'T LET IT LOOSE

If you have a pet or aquarium plant you cannot keep, **don't let it loose.**

Unwanted pets and plants can become invasive species when released into the wild.



Invasive species can impact the ways we use water every day:

- Spread disease to native species.
- Compete with native species for food and shelter.
- Decrease our recreation opportunities for fishing, swimming, and boating.
- Cost millions of dollars to remove once established.



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BE A RESPONSIBLE PET OWNER

Rehome your pet – Never release it

Releasing is never the right thing to do for your pet or for our native species.

There are options!



- Ask a friend to adopt your pet.
- Donate to a school, business, or nursing home.
- Find a pet rescue organization or shelter.
- Contact a veterinarian in your area.

Tips for disposing of aquarium plants and water:

- Seal aquatic plants in plastic bag and put in trash.
- Pour water on lawn or house plants.
- Never dump water down storm drains.



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Learn more about aquatic invasive species at stopais.org.

