



Steps to Report a Suspicious Plant

- **Take photos:** Photograph the plant in the water if possible. Then harvest a small portion of the plant to take a clear, close-up digital image showing leaf characteristics and how leaves attach to the stem, minimizing glare. It is very helpful if you can take these pictures with the plant floating in lake water against a white background such as a plate, bowl or Frisbee.
- **Note details:** Include your name, phone number, collection date, waterbody name, and town name in your email.
- Submit your concern to the Lake Environmental Association via their suspicious plant portal located at <https://mainelakes.org/invasives/plant-submission/>
- **Save a sample:** Keep a small sample in a sealable plastic bag with a little water or moist paper towel in the refrigerator as LEA may ask you to drop off the physical sample for verification.
- **Avoid spreading:** Do not pull up a large sample of the plant unless necessary, as fragmentation can cause invasive plants to spread further.

