

So, you have found one of the below invasive aquatic plants in your garden pond, what should you do?

floating pennywort



parrot's feather



New Zealand pigmyweed

FACT: These aquatic plant species can **re-grow from tiny plant fragments**.

When clearing the plant from your pond try to get all of it out **without breaking** the plant into small parts.

Removal of the aquatic plant may be required for a couple of years before it is completely eradicated from your pond.

It is **ILLEGAL** to knowingly cause this plant to spread into the wild



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Firstly, are you certain that the suspect plant is **floating Pennywort, parrot's feather** or **New Zealand pigmyweed**?

Yes

No



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Eradication method: It is best to **clear** the invasive species from your pond in **autumn** as you will cause the least disturbance at this time of year, however small amounts can be pulled throughout the year.

The species should be **pulled** from your pond **by hand**, left by the site of your pond for a day so that any invertebrates and vertebrates can escape back into the pond. The plant material should then be left in a container on a **solid surface to dry out**. Once it has begun to decompose put it on your **compost heap** or in your **green waste bin**.

DO NOT dump pond waste in the wild, it is **ILLEGAL**. **DO NOT** give it to a friend.

Waste water: Should be emptied away from streams, rivers, ponds, lakes and lochs, or drains that flow into them.

Good practice: Empty the waste water over your lawn.

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