

Controlling Invasive Water Forget-Me-Nots

Water Forget-Me-Nots quickly crowds out native plant species and forms large monocultures (an area in which one plant type completely dominates the landscape, displacing all other species). It is an easy spreader that is difficult to control, producing abundant seeds and reproducing through stolon's (horizontal stems that creep along the ground and root at the nodes or tips to give rise to new plants). It can also take habitat away from threatened or endangered native plants. The photos below were taken at the north end of Lake Pennesseewassee.

To control the Water Forget-Me-Not, mechanical removal is best. Smaller populations can be pulled or dug, with all pieces of the root system including stolon's removed to avoid resprouting. The plants and stolon's should be placed in a zip lock or tightly tied bag and taken to the Norway Transfer Station for incineration. Do not compost as they will grow in the compostpile and spread.

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