



Water Spinach Emergency Plan for Exotic Species Permit

For assistance in completing this form, please call 512-389-4742 or email IFpermits@tpwd.texas.gov

Emergency plans shall be posted and maintained on file at the facility. All staff must be trained and prepared to implement an approved emergency plan during a natural disaster such as a hurricane or flood.

Facility Address: _____
Street City Zip Code County

Number of greenhouses used to grow water spinach at this facility: _____

Emergency Contact Person Name: _____ Phone: _____

My emergency plan includes the following preventative measures:

1. Ensure all greenhouses containing water spinach are fully enclosed and secured.
2. Harvest and secure or apply herbicide to kill all water spinach in any greenhouse at risk of being damaged such that water spinach may escape.
3. Put all packages of water spinach in a dry, secure area.

Other measures I will take (if applicable):

Immediately after the event, I will:

1. Inspect all my greenhouses and buffer zones. If any greenhouse is damaged, I will contact the department without delay at (512) 389-4742 and report the extent of any damage.
2. Search my entire property, including any ditches, creeks, or other water channels and the areas around my greenhouse(s) and packing area for escaped or scattered water spinach. I will remove or collect any water spinach I find that has escaped or become scattered and place it into a secure container or transport it to a secure waste or compost bin and compost it, dry it fully, or place it into black plastic bags prior to disposal.
3. Notify the department within 72 hours if I find water spinach outside of the greenhouse or buffer zone by calling (512) 389-4742.
4. Make repairs to my greenhouse(s) in a timely manner.
5. Ensure the buffer zones surrounding my greenhouse(s) and packing area are clear of any plants.

I understand that in the event of a hurricane, storm, flood, or other natural disaster or if the facility appears to be in imminent danger of flooding or release of water spinach into public water, I will implement this plan and notify the department by contacting the permit coordinator at 512-389-4742.

Printed Name (Permit Applicant/Holder) Signature Date

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