



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

Facility Address: _____

Number of Greenhouses at this Facility: _____

Emergency Contact Person Name: _____ Phone: _____

In the event of a major hurricane, storm, flood, or other natural disaster; or if there is near danger of overflow, flooding, or release of water spinach into public water, I will complete the following preventative measures:

Choose at least one:

- ☐ Harvest/clip all water spinach
- ☐ Put all packages of water spinach in a dry, secure area
- ☐ Stop all transport of water spinach from my facility
- ☐ Other (explain): _____

Immediately after the event, I will:

1. **Evaluate damage:** I will inspect my greenhouse and the buffer zone. If my greenhouse is damaged, I will contact TPWD without delay at (512) 389-4742 and report the extent of any damage.
2. **Search for and remove escaped water spinach:** I will immediately search any ditches, creeks, or other water channels on or near the property, the area around my greenhouse, and my entire property for escaped or scattered water spinach. I will remove any water spinach I find that has escaped and dispose of it in such a manner as to prevent spreading.
3. **Notify TPWD of escapes:** I will notify TPWD within two hours if I find water spinach outside of the greenhouse or buffer zone by calling (512) 389-4742.
4. **Make repairs:** I will make repairs to greenhouse facilities in a timely manner.
5. **Clear the buffer zone:** I will ensure the buffer zone surrounding my greenhouse facilities is clear of any plants or debris.

I understand that, in the event that water spinach escapes or is improperly or unlawfully dispersed from my facility, I may be responsible for all costs incurred by TPWD for the detection, control, and eradication of free-growing water spinach resulting from such escape or dispersal.

Printed Name (Permit Applicant/Holder)

Signature

____/____/_____
Date

Keep a copy of this emergency plan for your records.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department maintains the information collected through this form. With few exceptions, you are entitled to be informed about the information we collect. Under Sections 552.021 and 552.023 of the Texas Government Code, you are also entitled to receive and review the information. Under Section 559.004, you are also entitled to have this information corrected.