



Water Spinach Emergency Plan for Exotic Species Permit

FOR ASSISTANCE IN COMPLETING THIS FORM, PLEASE CALL 512-389-4742 OR EMAIL IFFPERMITS@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, immediately after the event, I will implement this emergency plan as follows:

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 or (512) 552-3465, and report the extent of any damage.
2. **Search for 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.
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 the Program Leader at (512) 552-3465 or the Permit Coordinator at (512) 389-4742.
4. **Remove escaped water spinach:** I will immediately remove any water spinach growing outside of my facilities, beginning with ditches, creeks, or water channels on or near the property. I will properly dispose of water spinach in such a manner as to prevent spreading.
5. **Make repairs:** I will make repairs to greenhouse facilities in a timely manner.
6. **Clear the buffer zone:** I will ensure the buffer zone surrounding my greenhouse facilities is intact and clear of vegetation (exclusive of trees and shrubs).

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.