

COTTAGER ACTION PLAN

Keep invaders away from your cottage — they will ruin the fun for everyone. To stop the invasion, make sure you and your guests know the plan.

1. Use Local Firewood

Never bring in firewood from another location, because it may be home to an invasive species that could cause irreparable harm. Buy your firewood locally and leave behind any you do not use. It's never a good idea to transport firewood.

2. Keep Goldie in the fish bowl

Teach your children not to release aquarium plants and pets at the cottage or anywhere else. Goldfish are an invasive species!

3. Clean your gear

Before heading home from the cottage, be sure to clean all of your gear. Make sure your watercraft, trailers, bicycles, all-terrain vehicles, and boot bottoms are free of plant material and seed-spreading mud.

4. Groom your pet

Give your pet's coat a good brushing to remove any seeds it might have picked up.

5. Keep your eyes peeled

Inspect your property and shoreline for any sign of invasion. To find out what species are threatening your area, visit eddmaps.org/ontario/

6. Report all invaders

Call the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters' Invading Species Hotline at **1-800-563-7711** to report an invasive species sighting. Or download the **EDDMapS Ontario app** to report an invader on the spot.

7. Remove invaders responsibly

Visit ontario.ca and search "invasive species fact sheets" find out how to remove problematic woodland and aquatic pests from your property.

8. Stop the invasion

Visit ontario.ca/invasionON to download Action Plans for Anglers, Boaters, Hikers and Gardeners. Or visit our partner pages for more resources:

Invading Species,
invadingspecies.com

Invasive Plants Council,
ontarioinvasiveplants.ca

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