

The Lake Wahnapiatae Home and Campers Association has partnered with NorthStar Recreation, Rocky's, Wahnapiatae First Nations and the City of Greater Sudbury to develop a pilot project to help prevent the spread of invasive species. A pressure washer will be set up at Rocky's marina and be available free of charge to clean boats and trailers prior to entering and leaving the lake. This procedure is one of the recommended practices that can reduce the spread of invasive species.



In addition to the boat cleaning station, our association and Wahnapiatae First Nations have provided signage at various locations on the lake. These signs inform the public about invasive species and the steps that can be taken to reduce the risk of spreading them when moving boats from other lakes.

The City of Greater Sudbury and the Greater Sudbury Watershed Alliance have been working on a coordinated strategy to deal with this problem. Information and advice is available from Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters and other sources in Ontario. Links to these sites are:

<https://www.ofah.org/programs/invading-species-awareness-program/>
<http://www.ontarioinvasiveplants.ca/>
<http://www.invadingspecies.com/>

This sign was designed by the city's Watershed Advisory Panel. You may see it at various city owned public boat launches and some private marinas.



Spiny water fleas and Eurasian Milfoil have been reported to be in the Sudbury area. The main diet of Spiny water fleas is zooplankton, so they can reduce the food supply of small fish and the young of sports fish. They can easily spread between waterbodies on angling equipment, live wells and bilge water. Eurasian Milfoil reduces biodiversity by aggressively competing with native plants, reduces the oxygen level in waterbodies and hinders recreational activities. Boaters move from city to city, other provinces and even countries, so there is always a risk of other species moving into the area.

The Lake Wahnapiatae Home and Campers Association will be continuing to monitor current best practices to reduce the risk of spreading invasive species. We are committed to support the work of other agencies and groups that provide a lead role in the effort.

We encourage boaters and the public to support our project by becoming informed and following the INSPECT CLEAN DRAIN actions.

We would like to thank our partners for their support in our project and will be reporting back to them in the coming months.

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