

Integrated Aquatic Plant Management – Draft Rule

Key Change 6

Expanded permit waivers for some control activities

For every aquatic plant management permit decision, the DNR weighs the risks and benefits of the control to the aquatic ecosystem and public safety. If the risks of the control activity are minimal in most or all situations, permit review may be waived. The proposed rules create new waivers for several activities. All existing waivers in the current rules are in the proposed revision.

New waivers

A permit is not required for the following:

- Aquatic plant management in privately accessible ponds less than .1 acres in size, lined, with no groundwater connections
- Cut stump chemical applications to woody vegetation
- Hand wicking of invasive emergent vegetation
- Manual removal or mechanical control on woody vegetation below the ordinary high-water mark on Lake Superior and Michigan
- Mechanical control and manual removal on woody vegetation above the ordinary high-water mark in palustrine wetlands.
- Control of emergent vegetation on permitted storm water management structures.
- Chemical control of emergent vegetation during frozen winter conditions.
- Burning of emergent vegetation

Note: These waivers will not be in effect until repealed and revised NR 107 is law. Once repealed and revised NR 107 is law, you must carefully read the waivers to ensure you aren't breaking the law. When in doubt, check in with your county's lake biologist.