



THE OTTER LAKE LAND OWNERS' ASSOCIATION Inc.

Aquatic Plants Information Sheet **What to Do and Who to Contact**

1. Indigenous Aquatic Plants

- a. Report unusually dense mats of aquatic plants at <http://waterrangers.ca/en> and to OLLA Aquatic Plants Sub-Committee via postmaster@otterlake.org
- b. Removal of excessive indigenous aquatic plants directly in front of your property must be done in compliance with the Public Lands Act and Regulations and under the authority of the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources & Forestry (MNRF).
 - Consult the following websites for information:
<https://www.ontario.ca/page/remove-native-aquatic-plants>
<https://www.ontario.ca/document/water-work-timing-window-guidelines>
 - Contact Kemptville District Office of the MNRF for clarifications, approvals and/or work permits.
General Number: 613-258-8204 (totally automated system)
Direct Numbers: Mary Dillon: 613-258-8267 or Lisa: 613-258-8417

2. Invasive Aquatic Plants

- a. For help to identify invasive aquatic plants go to
<http://www.invadingspecies.com/invaders/plants-aquatic/>
- b. Report suspected invasive aquatic plants to the OLLA Aquatic Plants Sub-Committee via postmaster@otterlake.org
- c. Call the **Invading Species Hotline at 1-800-563-7711** or online at
<http://www.EDDMaps.org/ontario>
Note: The OLLA Aquatic Plants Sub-Committee has its own log-in/password for EDDMaps but individual landowners can also create their own in order to have access to on-line reporting and information.

3. Algal Blooms

Report all algae blooms, except suspected blue-green algae blooms, at <http://www.waterrangers.ca/en/> as well as the OLLA Aquatic Plants Sub-Committee via postmaster@otterlake.org

4. Blue-Green Algae Blooms

- a. Report all suspected blue-green algae blooms to the Ontario Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change **Spills Action Centre at 1-800-268-6060** and advise the OLLA Aquatic Plants Sub-Committee via postmaster@otterlake.org
Note: The RVCA is not involved with blue-green algae blooms.
- b. Assume all blue-green blooms to be toxic and avoid exposure to humans and animals. Consider an alternate drinking water supply if you get your water from the lake; boiling the water does not remove these toxins. Call the Health Unit at 1-800-660-5853 for more information.

TIP: Take pictures of any reported algae blooms or unusual aquatic plants and take note of where they were observed.