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AQUATIC WEED TREATMENT SCHEDULED FOR CARL'S POND IN CUMBERLAND FOR TUESDAY, JUNE 25

PROVIDENCE, RI – The Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (DEM) is advising the public that Carl's Pond in Cumberland will receive treatment to control infestations of [invasive aquatic plants](#), including water chestnut, variable water milfoil and other pond weeds on Tuesday, June 25. The aquatic weed control treatment is specifically targeted for the invasive nuisance plants and does not harm fish or other aquatic species.



Variable milfoil

Anglers and boaters are advised to avoid using the pond on June 25 when the treatment will be applied. Signs will be posted with information about temporary water use

restrictions. During treatment, users should avoid impeding the applicator staff. Neighbors and other users of the pond should not allow domestic pets to drink from the water for at least three days. Carl's Pond is popular with anglers for Largemouth bass and other warm water species.

Aquatic weed infestation is a nuisance to anglers, boaters, and swimmers and can affect proper management of freshwater ponds for wildlife. To help control the spread of invasive species, the use of external felt-soled or any natural or synthetic porous material capable of absorbing water in any freshwaters in Rhode Island is strictly [prohibited](#). This includes any waters shared with adjacent states in which Rhode Island fishing regulations apply. The transport of any plant or plant part into or out of any Rhode Island waterbody on boats, vessels, other water conveyances, vehicles, trailers, fishing supplies, or any other equipment is also [prohibited](#). It is recommended that all boaters thoroughly clean their vessels

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and equipment of attached weeds before and after using the freshwaters of the state. For more information on preventing the spread of aquatic invasive species, [click here](#).

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