



5 Easy Steps To Prevent The Spread

of Aquatic
Invasive
Species
(AIS)

- **Never** release nonnative organisms into the wild
- **Never** move water, animals or plants from one body of water to another
- Learn to recognize common invaders
- Share your knowledge with others to prevent the spread of AIS
- Report invasive species. In Louisiana, call **1-225-765-2335**

How should you dispose of AIS?

Aquatic plants: Completely dry or freeze the plants, then add them to conventional garbage that does not get composted. Composting should be avoided because many seeds can withstand drying and freezing.

Fish and invertebrates: Euthanize (for example, freeze for several days), then dispose of in conventional garbage.

Water: Add enough bleach to the water in which the organisms were shipped to make a minimum 5 percent solution (1 part bleach to 20 parts water). Dispose of in a sanitary sewer, never down a storm drain.

Packaging: Because packaging is designed to keep your classroom species alive, it also keeps unwanted hitchhikers alive. Treat it with bleach solution if possible and dispose of it in conventional garbage.

Further Information:

Resources to teach students about aquatic invaders:

<http://www.sgnis.org/kids>

Aquatic topics:

<http://www.lamer.lsu.edu/topics.htm>

Exotic Aquatics on the Move curriculum guide:

<http://www.iisgcp.org/EXOTICSP/>

Invasive Species Information Node:

<http://invasivespecies.nbii.gov/>

Habitattitude – preventing aquatic pet/plant introductions:

<http://www.habitattitude.net/>

Protect Your Waters – preventing aquatic introductions:

<http://www.protectyourwaters.net/hitchhikers/>

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