

Chapter NR 40: The Invasive Species Rule

Summary & Reference Guide

Introduction

The Invasive Species Identification, Classification, and Control Rule (Wis. Adm. Code Chapter NR 40) classifies invasive species in Wisconsin as *Prohibited* or *Restricted* and regulates the **transportation, possession, transfer, and introduction** of those species. The rule also establishes “Preventive Measures” to show what actions we can take to slow the spread of invasive species. Chapter NR 40 covers over 128 species and affects everyone in Wisconsin.

What This Means for You

The primary goal of NR 40 is to slow the spread of invasive species in Wisconsin. The Department is using a “stepped enforcement” protocol, which emphasizes education and voluntary compliance. Landowners and businesses can engage in several ways.

- **Become familiar with the listed plants and their regulated status for your county.**
- **Do not buy or install any regulated invasive plant.**
- **Plant and promote beautiful non-invasive alternatives.**
- **Report and remove any prohibited species from your property. (Required)**
- **Try to control any restricted invasive species on your property. (Encouraged)**
- **Remember it is illegal to buy, sell, give away, or barter most NR 40 species.**

What Chapter NR 40 Says

Prohibited Invasive Species*

- Not yet in the state or only in a few places
- Likely to cause environmental and/or economic harm
- Eradication and prevention is feasible

Regulations: Cannot transport, possess, transfer, or introduce without a permit.**

Control is required. DNR may order or conduct a control effort.

Restricted Invasive Species*

- Already widely established in the state
- High environmental and/or economic impacts are evident with these species
- Complete eradication is unlikely

Regulations: Cannot transport, transfer, or introduce without a permit.** Possession is allowed except for fish or crayfish.

Control is encouraged but not required.

*Any viable part of the species is covered by these regulations.

** Certain exemptions do exist with these regulations. Please consult with the website or staff for clarifications.

Take Action

Find out more on our Invasives Webpage: <http://dnr.wi.gov/> keyword: invasives

To report an invasive species violation or a *Prohibited* species population:

- Follow the reporting instructions at: <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Invasives/report.html> or send a report to invasive.species@wi.gov or 608.266.6437

For information about a specific species or for control purposes:

- Go to the species page on the website: <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Invasives/species.asp>
- Visit the invasives control page: <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Invasives/control.html> OR
- Check out the Terrestrial Plant guide: <http://dnr.wi.gov/forestry/publications/pdf/FR-436.pdf>

Contact: Chrystal Schreck, WDNR Invasive Species Outreach & Education
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Useful Links for Invasive Species Information

Go to <http://dnr.wi.gov> and type in the keyword **invasive** for the invasives species page.

You can also search for the following headings, or type in the provided links for more details.

Printable Invasive Plant List:	http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Invasives/documents/NR40plantlist.pdf
Invasive Species Rule (NR40):	http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/invasives/classification.html
Invasive Species Publications:	http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Invasives/publications.html
Best Management Practices:	http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Invasives/bmp.html
Invasive Species Prevention:	http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Invasives/prevention.html
Invasive Species Control:	http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Invasives/control.html
Invasive Species Disposal:	http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Invasives/control.html#disposal
Aquatic Invasive Species & Boating Laws:	http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Invasives/boat.html
Firewood Laws:	http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Invasives/firewood.html

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