

Aquatic Plant Control - Questions & Answers

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Q. When will chemicals be applied to the invasive aquatic plants?

A. When the temperature of the water is conducive to the invasive species absorbing the chemicals, typically in June.

Q. How will notification of chemical application be made?

A. Areas treated will be Posted with yellow Water Use Restriction notices at time of application. This includes posting at the boat landing. Here is [copy of posting](#) at boat launch in 2018. Also, it is the intention to post a notice here when we know the chemical treatment is going to occur or has occurred.

Q. What parts of the lake will be treated?

A. The areas shown on the DNR application map, or less than that, depending upon actual invasive weed growth observed at time of treatment. The DNR application current year can be found in the [documents area](#) on MLLAA web site. So for those who only water lawns-irrigation may continue. For those that water entire landscapes via irrigation systems, I suggest that they water lawns by hand (by garden hose) if they have this capability.

Q. What chemical(s) will be applied?

A. The active ingredient in either Navigate or Weedar 64 is 2,4-D. See [DNR Chemical Fact sheet](#). [Updated: 6/26/2024]

Q. How soon after chemical application to parts of the lake can I go swimming?

A. As for the swimming restriction, it will be 24 hours (swimming can begin morning after treatment). Please note-this applies to only those areas of the lake where direct treatment occurs-not the entire lake. Areas treated will be Posted with yellow Water Use Restriction notices. If your part of the lake is posted, then 24 hours after application.

Q. Can I water my lawn after chemical application to parts of the lake?

A. As for the irrigation restriction. The active ingredient in either Navigate or Weedar 64 is 2,4-D. This is the same active ingredient that is used in many lawn products for broad-leaf weed control (dandelions, etc.). Thus, it will not harm lawns and has no watering restrictions on Turf.

Q. Can I water my garden after chemical application to parts of the lake?

A. However, many irrigation systems are set up to water entire landscapes, including flower beds/vegetable gardens. While the risk is very slight, 2,4-D may cause injury to these broad-leaf plants. Thus a 21 day restriction will apply to these areas.
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