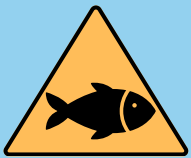




DON'T LET IT LOOSE

PLAY YOUR PART - NEVER RELEASE PETS OR AQUARIUM PLANTS INTO THE ENVIRONMENT



Released pets can become invasive. They can prey on native species, often carry diseases, and compete with native species for food and habitat.



Released aquarium plants can grow and spread quickly, becoming invasive. They will compete with and push out native plant species and can permanently damage an ecosystem.



There are high costs associated with managing and removing invasive plants and animals. These costs are passed on to us in the form of additional taxes.

What can you do instead:

- ① **Return** - contact the place where you bought your pet to see if they can take it back.
- ② **Rehome** - bring your pet to a local animal shelter or contact other pet owners to adopt your pet.
- ③ **Be Kind** - if there are no other options, have a qualified veterinarian euthanize your pet.
- ④ **Dispose** - dry and freeze unwanted aquarium plants before putting them in the trash. Always bury deceased aquatic pets.

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