## Help us protect our aquatic ecosystems DON/TLETT LOGGE LOGGE

Releasing aquarium pets and plants like goldfish, snails, and turtles can harm our lakes and rivers. It is also illegal.

Remember to always research a new pet or plant before purchasing to learn about its needs, life expectancy, etc.



Native to Asia, Goldfish can carry diseases such as koi herpesvirus that can harm local fish populations and can lay a few hundred to a few thousand eggs at once.

## Marbled Crayfish •

All Marbled Crayfish are female and clone themselves to produce hundreds of genetically identical offspring each year, meaning that one individual can create an entire population that outcompetes native species.

## Aquarium Plants

Aquatic aquarium plants, such as Parrot Feather, can clog local waterbodies, outcompete native vegetation, and impact recreational activities.

## Red-eared Slider •

Red-eared Sliders compete with native turtles for food, habitat, and basking sites, and can spread diseases and parasites to native turtle populations.







It is illegal to introduce non-native aquatic species without approval.









