

Stop Starry Stonewort Program

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“Starry” stonewort is recognizable by star-shaped bulbils, as opposed to non-invasive stoneworts native to Minnesota

Starry Stonewort is a destructive **Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS)**, causing damage to:

- Water recreation activities
- State department funds
- Native plants and wildlife
- Shoreline property values
- Bass spawning zones
- Taxpayer dollars and property tax

Starry stonewort reaches depths up to 25 feet

Because of its properties as a macro-algae, starry stonewort **infestations are difficult to manage and expensive**

When broken into multiple pieces from water activity or removal attempts, starry stonewort can reproduce from individual cells

Lake Koronis spends **\$170,000** annually to control the devastating effects of this invasive species

Every \$1 spent on prevention saves \$100 in future management costs

Preventing the spread of starry stonewort can be achieved through **clean, drain, dry, dispose**

Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Advocates contributes to prevention solutions by providing **CD3 Waterless Cleaning Systems** to communities impacted by starry stonewort, so boaters will have access to the tools necessary to clean, drain, dry, and dispose when and where they need them - at boat access sites

CD3 Systems are free to use and available 24/7 to allow individuals to take responsibility and protect Minnesota waters

MLR aims to reduce the barriers to CD3 use through creating a **civic pride around preserving water quality**

Play Your Part in Water Conservation

Want to get involved and volunteer with Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Advocates Stop Starry Stonewort Program? Contact MLR's Civic Organizer/Program Manager to discover how you can enact changes to preserve aquatic resources in Minnesota

