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Some Like It Hot!

August is one of the hottest months here in Florida and that is when many people head for the water to enjoy the refreshing feeling and the water's beauty. But often the beauty is scared by unwanted vegetation. We want to focus on two problem plants that can spoil your hot summer fun.

Alligator Weed is a non-native, immersed aquatic plant that came to the U.S. in 1940 and many countries consider it an invasive plant.

- Grows on the shoreline but usually found in the water.
- Forms large interwoven mats over the water and along shorelines
- Has whitish, papery ball-shaped flowers in hot months
- Is a favorable habitat for breeding mosquitoes
- Can reduce bird and fish activity and cause death of fish and native plants. When it invades waterways it can reduce water flow and quality by preventing light penetration and oxygenation of the water.



Torpedograss is one of the world's worst weeds and occurs in 70% of Florida's public waters. It is native to Africa and came to the U.S. in 1876 as a way to feed cattle, but later discovered it was low in nutritional value.

- It grows in sandy to waterlogged soils
- Is drought resistant, thrives in full sun and can grow up to 3' tall with stiff blades that have a whitish, waxy coating
- Can withstand floods and hurricanes
- Herbicides effectiveness increases as it penetrates through the young shoots.



Our teams are always on the watch to rid our customers of these "some like it hot" plants. Damn the Torpedo(grass), full steam ahead towards enjoying your waterway.