# Aquatic species



# Invasive species identification guide

### New Zealand pigmyweed



#### Water fern



#### Does it matter what it is?

Any mat forming species on a drain is likely to be an invasive species, whether it is one of these more common ones or another one.

The best approach is to report it to your manager and if possible get a sample. This means identification can be made and the best control measures for that species followed.

## Floating pennywort



#### Parrots feather



#### Check, clean, dry

Most invasive species move around by hitching a lift on us or our machines. Make sure you are not spreading them by:

- Checking your machines every time you move site for traces of invasive species
- Clean your machines every time you move site, preventing you from infecting clean watercourses
- Dry your machines every time you move site as most aquatic species cannot survive outside of water

#### **Photos**

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