

# NEWS



**ANNUAL AIS** — The Three Lakes Waterfront Association sponsored its annual Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Workshop recently on Virgin Lake. The workshop was conducted by the Oneida County Land and Water Conservation's AIS specialist, Stephanie Boismenu. More than 40 people attended to learn more about Eurasian water milfoil (EWM), rusty crayfish, spiny water fleas and other invasives that can plague the waters of the North Woods, and how to prevent their spread.

**Above:** AIS Dive Team member Jon Willman explains how their new Diver Assisted Suction Harvest boat and equipment will help the dive team remove EWM from affected waters.

**Right:** Oneida County AIS coordinator Stephanie Boismenu explains how EWM spreads via auto-fragmentation.

—Photos By Kerry Griebenow



## Food waste dubbed largest percent of matter in landfills

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In 2020, an estimated 615,000 tons of wasted food and 238,500 tons of food scraps were disposed of in Wisconsin landfills.

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources detailed that food waste makes up the largest percentage of matter sent to landfills statewide. Highway G Landfill Facility Manager A.J. Kraczek confirmed there had been an expansion of the landfill in 2019-'20, and a second expansion is planned for 2026-'27.

Not only does food waste accelerate the need for landfill expansions, but it also creates additional environmental issues. As food breaks down, it can produce leachate, a liquid pollution that seeps through a landfills waste pile when it rains or snows.

This liquid pollution contains a number of harmful chemicals, some of which are carcinogens that can enter the groundwater. When organic matter decomposes in a landfill, it also releases significant levels of methane gas.

Environmental issues are a part of Eagle River's Trees for Tomorrow's mission to "provide the knowledge and skills needed to make responsible lifestyle choices." Individuals and businesses can make decisions that can have a positive impact.

Trees for Tomorrow Environmental Educator Todd Starling noted how they make efforts towards food waste reduction at their organization.

"Reducing food waste in a setting like ours is tough," said Starling. "Our hospitality staff does a great job,

though, at calculating portions regarding group size and age.

"Trees for Tomorrow staff also give the students moderate portions to start and allow them to come back for seconds as desired. We do our best."

He added that paying close attention to serving sizes and cooking from scratch can help individuals and families make the proper portion amounts. Composting scraps, and rotating the refrigerator weekly, are also recommended tips.

Creating a homemade compost pile can be done simply by adding together coffee grounds, eggshells, rinds and other organic food scraps. Doing so can produce a high-quality soil amendment that both reduces food waste, and saves money on buying fertilizer for healthier plants.

Going to the grocery store with a list and a meal plan also aids in lessening food waste that gets dumped into area landfills. Starling added to only buy in bulk if individuals know their household will use the food before it spoils.

Online recipe generators are also very helpful with reducing food waste by providing individuals and families a way to deduce what they can make with the ingredients already in the home.

"Each step can add up to significant differences in the need for future landfill expansions and towards a healthier environment," Starling continued.

For more information, visit [dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/landfills](http://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/landfills).

Nonresident Hunting Fee Increase	2005 - June 2023	\$ Increase	% Increase	New Fee: July 2023
Gun Deer License	\$160	\$40	25.0%	\$200
Archer License	\$160	\$5	3.1%	\$165
Crossbow License	\$160	\$5	3.1%	\$165
Small Game License	\$85	\$5	5.9%	\$90
5-Day Small Game License	\$55	\$5	9.1%	\$60
Spring Turkey License	\$60	\$5	8.3%	\$65
Fall Turkey License	\$60	\$5	8.3%	\$65
Furbearer License	\$160	\$5	3.1%	\$165

Nonresident Fishing Fee Increase	2005 - June 2023	Increase	Increase	New Fee: July 2023
Annual Individual Fishing License	\$50	\$5	10.0%	\$55
1-Day Individual Fishing License	\$10	\$5	50.0%	\$15
4-Day Individual Fishing License	\$24	\$5	20.8%	\$29
15-Day Individual Fishing License	\$28	\$5	17.9%	\$33
Annual Family Fishing License	\$65	\$5	7.7%	\$70
15-Day Family Fishing License	\$40	\$5	12.5%	\$45

Nonresident Combination License Fee Increase	2005 - June 2023	Increase	Increase	New Fee: July 2023
Sports License	\$275	\$20	7.3%	\$295
Conservation Patron Combination License	\$600	\$20	3.3%	\$620

A percentage increase range of 3.1%-50% is shown across the board in regards to the 2024-'25 budget by Gov. Tony Evers. announced by the DNR after the enactment of the 2024-'25 budget by Gov. Tony Evers.

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## Nonresident hunting, fishing license fees to see increase

Nonresident hunting and fishing licenses will see an increase in cost as a result of the final 2024-'25 biennial budget enacted by Gov. Tony Evers last week.

The fee changes range from \$5 to \$40 and are only for nonresidents. Licenses for the 2023-'24 season are valid through March 31, 2024.

The last time license fees for residents or nonresidents increased was 2005, according to the Wisconsin Department

of Natural Resources (DNR).

One of the most notable increases is a \$40 jump from \$160 to \$200 for a nonresident gun deer license. Both the sports license and conservation patron combination license fees jumped by \$20 as well.

Percentage increases ranged from 3.1% to 50% across the board for all licenses. This includes the archers; crossbow; small game; five-

day small game; spring and fall turkey; furbearer; annual individual fishing licenses; one, four, and 15-day individual fishing licenses; annual family fishing licenses; and 15-day family fishing licenses.

Hunting and fishing licenses can be purchased online via Go Wild, any DNR Service Center, or from an authorized sales agent location.

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