

## Contact Information

The following contacts for mowing and commercial contractors are those which have been used in the past. The list is not limited to these. For more information on additional commercial applicators, contact DNR Regional AIS Coordinator Brenda Nordin at (920)-360-3167.

### Mowing

Mike Lacourt (920) 834-3513

### Commercial Contractors

CK Invasives 888-343-6228

or (715) 696-6446

### DNR Permits

Peshtigo DNR office, Robert Rosenberger

(715) 582-5000

If interested, an applicators license may be pursued at

<http://ipcm.wisc.edu/pat/>

or

[https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Licenses\\_Permits/](https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Licenses_Permits/CommercialApplicator.aspx)

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If you have any questions on Phragmites control methods or to make sure that a method is legal, please call the Wisconsin DNR at the above number.



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# Landowners Guide to Controlling Phragmites

## Mowing

In 2009 Act 377 was passed to allow for driving on the lakebed for Phragmites control without a permit. A person may operate a motor vehicle in outlying waters if the operation meets all of the following requirements:

1. The operation of the motor vehicle is for the purpose of mowing or applying a herbicide for the purpose of controlling Phragmites.
2. The operation of the motor vehicle occurs only on the exposed bed of the outlying water.
3. The operation of the motor vehicle occurs between the period on July 1st of a given year and ending on March 15th of the following year.
4. The mowing or application of the herbicide interferes with or destroys native species only to the degree that is necessary to control the invasive species Phragmites.

If these conditions are not met, there are quick general permits designed for one property owner or there are individual permits available for larger multi-landowners.

## Spraying

Best time for spraying Phragmites is July-September.

A permit from the WI Department of Natural Resources is always required if the proposed treatment area is wet at the time of treatment. This means that individuals would get their socks wet if they stood in the treatment area without shoes. Any treatment below the ordinary high water mark needs to be done with aquatic approved herbicides.

If the area intended is wet or the herbicide used requires the treatment area must be sprayed by an individual with a DATCP certified class 5 applicators license. If individuals are interested in acquiring a class 5 applicators license please see the contact information provided in brochure.

To view "Herbicide Effectiveness on Invasive Plants in Wisconsin" go to <http://learningstore.uwex.edu/> and search Mark Renz. Click on brochure and scroll down to view PDF version.

You can also find the PDF publication directly at the following link: <https://learningstore.uwex.edu/Assets/pdfs/>

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## What to do with cut/treated Phragmites?

1. Let it stand-over time the dead plant material will fall down and decompose (May take a couple of years)
2. Mow the treated area– Many feel this is the best option because you will be able to see any new growth the following year and can easily perform follow up treatment as needed. It is best to allow on average a minimum of 6 weeks before cutting after a herbicide treatment to allow the chemical to reach its full potential.

Note: When Phragmites is mowed without treatment some landowners like to remove the plant material. If you choose to do this we recommend that the material is properly bagged and needs to be hauled to a certified landfill to avoid risk of spreading the invasive species. Composting is not recommended as this can spread seeds and roots.