

What can you do to prevent the spread of Phragmites?

- **Avoid** operating earth moving machines or recreational ATV's in the vicinity of phragmites stands to prevent the spread of seeds and rhizome fragments.
- If you plan to disturb wetlands through filling, excavating or vegetation removal, you should consult with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality to obtain a permit to insure that your project is done in a way that does not harm the environment and contribute to the spread of invasive phragmites. * **If using fill, make sure that it is WEED FREE**
- If you would like to control phragmites on your property this may require one or more permits from local, state and federal authorities, as several environmental laws may be applicable. For local ordinances, contact your local municipality for information.
- For state permit information, contact: Land & Water Management Division, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, Environmental Assistance Center, 1-800-662-9278; eac@michigan.gov
- **Do not attempt removal:**
 - by digging or hand pulling
(not ineffective due to the extensive root system)
 - disturbing the soil through mechanized disking or raking
(it encourages rapid expansion)
 - by burning without herbicide treatment prior
(it invigorates growth & spreading)
- **When removing material**



IMMEDIATELY collect and bag the cut plant material to prevent seed spread. It is important to properly dispose of plant material to prevent the spread of phragmites to other areas.

Composting is **NOT ADVISED** since all seeds may not be destroyed in the process