

CAULERPA ALERT!

We are counting on you to prevent the next invasion of the destructive aquarium seaweed *Caulerpa*!

Caulerpa is a non-native invasive algae. It can grow quickly, choking out native seaweeds and seagrasses and harming marine life through lost habitat. Do not let it escape into the wild!

Humans are the cause of *Caulerpa* introductions and humans have the power to prevent them. Nine species of *Caulerpa* are banned in California. Educate yourself and encourage others to practice good environmental stewardship. Please do not buy, sell or distribute *Caulerpa*, or use in your aquarium.

Use these algae alternatives: *Chaetomorpha*, *Gracilaria*, *Ulva*, and *Halimeda* (not pictured here)

Three *Caulerpa* species are shown here:



5 Tips

1



FREEZE *Caulerpa* and attached substrate for at least 48 hours.

2



DISPOSE of frozen *Caulerpa* in garbage, Do **NOT** put this algae into the sewer system or storm drain.

3



BLEACH aquarium water before disposing of it. 1/3 cup of bleach per gallon of water, ~3%, for 10 minutes.

4



DUMP bleached aquarium water in a household drain that leads to a treated sewer system.

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DO NOT DUMP ANY aquarium species or water into the ocean, any water body, or anywhere that leads to a storm drain



To See Photos and Report A Sighting:

<https://wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Invasives/Species/Caulerpa>