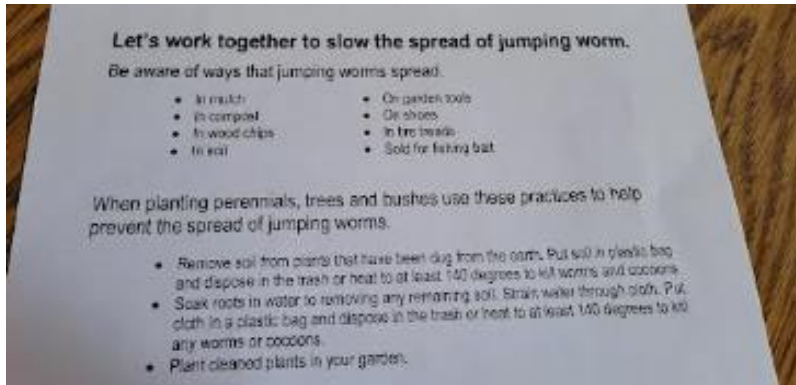


HAVE YOU HEARD OF JUMPING WORMS?



A few years ago, one of our members saw an article in a publication alerting us to be on the lookout for JUMPING WORMS! Our member wrote this short note to

share the information and pass the word on to others. We've never seen or have heard of anybody else that has That's good!

Last month the Minnesota Department of Transportation St. Cloud location hosted a class called Weed-em Out. They showed us all kinds of very interesting plants that are invading our roadside ditches and other natural areas, and besides that they mentioned the Invasive Jumping Worms. We learned all worms in Minnesota are non-native invasive species that destroy hardwood forests by consuming the leaf litter layer aka duff. These nutrients cause erosion and compromise the biodiversity on the forest floor. The Jumping worm is the latest and we don't know what problems or issues they will cause. The MNDNR is keeping track of the reported locations to see if they are spreading and if so, how fast?

The UMND working on a composting project recently where they purchased some Red Wiggler, before they released them into the composting bin they counted and checked the worms for species ID and found a high number to be jumping worms.

We can do things to help stop the spread of jumping worms by checking the soil in the plants we share with friends and neighbors. Avoid using worm casting for flowerpots and gardens. Remember to report when you find jumping worms.

For a video and more information




<https://mndnr.gov/qr/jumping-worm>

App to help ID

Online Reporting

Identify noxious weeds and how to get ride of them

Resources ↓

iNaturalist	EDDMapS	MnDOT Noxious Weed Book
https://www.inaturalist.org/	https://www.eddmaps.org/	https://files.dnr.state.mn.us/eco/invasives/noxious-weeds.pdf
		

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Thank you for doing your part to help 

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