

Protect Your Waters



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Help Stop the Spread of Aquatic Invasive Species and Fish Diseases

Follow these simple guidelines to properly clean boats and fishing equipment.

1



INSPECT your boat, trailer and other fishing and boating equipment and remove all plant and animal material clinging to it.

2



DRAIN AND DRY everything that came into contact with water. Dry equipment for at least 5 days before using it in another water body. Be sure to completely drain your boat, including baitwells and livewells.

3



DISINFECT the boat's bilge area, all water-holding compartments, and other equipment with hot water at least 140°F or steam for at least 30 seconds before launching into another water body.

IF YOU CAN'T DRY OR DISINFECT YOUR BOAT, thoroughly flush all water-holding compartments with water before launching. Don't let rinse water run into a water body.

Watch for these Aquatic Invasive Species of Concern



Spiny Waterflea

Water Chestnut

Zebra Mussel

Purple Loosestrife

Hydrilla

European Frog-bit

Fanwort

Variable Leaf Milfoil

Brittle Naiad

Curlyleaf Pondweed

Eurasian Watermilfoil

Asian Clam

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