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

More information on equipment disinfection and how you can prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species. [www.dec.ny.gov/animals/48221.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/48221.html)

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