

# Pledge to Be Invasive-Free or Kiss Paradise Goodbye!

# Invasive Plants & Animals of Concern in New Hampshire

# Help Keep New Hampshire a Boating Paradise!

Whether you explore New Hampshire’s 1,000 lakes by motorboat or paddle craft, you know a day on the lake is like a trip to paradise. But, dealing with long spindly stems of invasive milfoil wrapped around the motor or paddle can ruin your day in paradise. So, too, can the razor sharp shells of the invasive Zebra mussel cutting your feet.

## Pledge to Be Invasive-Free!

Help keep our water’s paradise by pledging to always take time to clean, drain, and dry your boat, trailer, and gear between waterbodies.

Take the pledge & be entered to WIN prizes!

Visit: [nhlakes.org/preventthespread](http://nhlakes.org/preventthespread)

NH LAKES is a member-supported nonprofit organization with a mission to help keep NH’s lakes clean and healthy, now and in the future.



Helping boaters prevent the spread of invasive species is just one of the many ways we are working for clean and healthy lakes.

If you love a lake, have a question, or want to help keep lakes clean and healthy visit or contact us today!

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## Plants



Curly-leaf pondweed



Eurasian watermilfoil



European Naiad



Fanwort



Hydrilla



Variable milfoil



Water chestnut

## Animals



Asian clam



Chinese mystery snail



Multiple spiny water fleas on a fishing line

Spiny water flea



Quagga mussel



Zebra mussel



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Report potential invasive species sightings to:  
NH Dept. of Environmental Services at 603.271.2248

This information is brought to  
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**Invasive plants and animals can degrade the health of our lakes and make them dangerous to recreate in. Invasive species are difficult and expensive to manage and almost impossible to get rid of—HELP STOP THE SPREAD!**

### **BEFORE leaving any launch area:**



#### **CLEAN**

Clean off all mud, plants, animals, and debris from your boat, trailer, and equipment. Clean off anchors and anchor lines, water intake grates on jet-powered craft, kayak and canoe cockpits, storage compartments, and paddles, too! Dispose of all material away from the waterbody where it won't wash back into the water.

**Cleaning is the law in NH!**



#### **DRAIN**

Drain motors, bilges, live wells, ballast tanks, storage compartments, and gear. Blow out water in jet-powered craft and tip paddle craft and motors to let out water. OPEN/REMOVE all drain plugs and drain all compartments and gear where runoff won't flow back into the water.

**Draining & keeping drain plugs open while trailering is the law!**

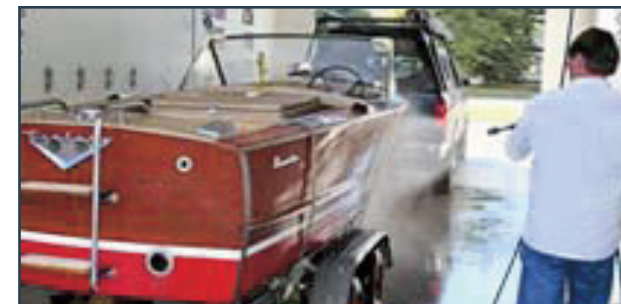


#### **DRY**

Dry off anything that came in contact with the water. If launching your boat again within 5 days, thoroughly rinse with clean water away from waterbodies and towel dry—rinsing with high pressure, high temperature water is best.

**For boat-friendly car wash locations, visit [nhlakes.org/preventthespread](http://nhlakes.org/preventthespread).**

### **BETWEEN waterbodies:**



#### **RINSE**

It is best to visit a car wash before launching into another waterbody. Rinsing can also be done at home, preferably on grass. Rinse boat hull and trailer with water. Flush motors, bilges, live wells, ballast tanks, and storage compartments with clean water per boat manufacturer instructions.

**Make sure dirty rinse water does not flow back into the lake!**

### **The First Waterless Watercraft Cleaning Station in the Northeast!**

We know you like a clean boat and a healthy lake! As you visit lakes around the state, be on the lookout for our mobile, solar-powered waterless watercraft cleaning station! **If you see our CD3 (Clean, Drain, Dry & Dispose) unit, please use it!** It's **FREE** and easy to use—the wrench, grabber tool, wet/dry vacuum, and air hose will help keep your boat and our lakes clean!

For more information about the CD3 and other tools and technologies to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species, visit [nhlakes.org/AIS-Best-Tech](http://nhlakes.org/AIS-Best-Tech).



### **New Laws Boaters Need to Know!**

**All Boaters:** Must use available tools at access sites on boats, trailers, and gear to prevent the spread of invasive species.  
**Out-of-State Boaters:** Must purchase and display the annual \$20 Aquatic Invasive Species Decal.  
**For More Information:** Visit [nhlakes.org/preventthespread](http://nhlakes.org/preventthespread)