HELP PREVENT THE SPREAD OF AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES

Removing any invasive plants or animals on a watercraft before it enters a lake is the most effective means of preventing the transfer of invasive species.

Check and remove plants and/or animals from the following:
- Boat hull, bottom and sides (visible mud or sand).
- Anchor and anchor line.
- Trailer, including rollers, trailer axle and lights/wiring.
- Sailboats and kayaks, also check the centerboard or rudder.
- Motorboats and jet skis, also check the motor/prop, anchors, bunks and intake grate.
- Drain water from the motor, live/bait/transom wells, bait bucket or bilge. Dispose of unwanted bait in the trash, not in the water.

What to do with an invasive species
If you think you have found an invasive species from a body of water that is not currently listed as infested, please take the following steps:
- Put the sample in a plastic bag and keep it in a cooler or refrigerator.
- With a permanent marker, record the date and the specific location where the specimen was found on the bag, including:
  • Name of the body of water, and county.
  • Description of where the sample was found—on a boat, caught on fishing line, etc.
- Contact the Great Lakes Aquatic Nonindigenous Species Information System (GLANSIS) at (734) 741-2287 or email: rochelle.sturtevant@noaa.gov

Additional precautions: Spray, rinse, or dry equipment. Ideally, wash your boat with warm tap water, take your boat through a car wash, or dry your boat and equipment in the sun for five days before entering another body of water.

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