

STOP THE SPREAD

Protect our waterbodies - help stop the invasion!

Invasive species can be a serious problem in lakes, rivers and other waterbodies. They can harm wildlife and the environment, damage boats and clog waterways. Here are some ways you can help to protect the waterbody you manage:

Keep trailers and other kit out of the water where possible to avoid transfer of invasive species.

Limit access to the water to a single point if possible.

If possible, install cleaning facilities for water users by access points to make it easy to clean equipment

Display **Check Clean Dry** posters and information in visitor centres and club houses

Ask water users to check in and out to confirm their kit has been cleaned

Provide equipment for water users to borrow if you can - trailers and launching trolleys for boats, or nets and drogues for anglers.

Install signage by the water and access points to remind water users to **Check Clean Dry** their kit after leaving

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Find out more about invasive plants and animals and how you can help to stop the spread at:
invasives.ie/biosecurity/check-clean-dry