

Invasive plants and animals harm the environment and block waterways. Contaminated equipment and clothing is one of the most common causes of their spread to new waterways.

**STOP
THE
SPREAD**

Protect the environment and sports you enjoy:

CHECK

Check your equipment, boat, and clothing after leaving the water for mud, aquatic animals, or plant material. Remove anything you find and leave it at the site.

CLEAN

Clean everything thoroughly as soon as you can paying attention to areas that are damp and hard to inspect. Use hot water (at least 45°C) or a high-pressure spray.

DRY

Dry everything until it is dry for at least 48 hours before using elsewhere as some invasive plants and animals can survive for weeks in damp conditions.

Disinfect everything if complete drying is not possible.



Find out more about invasive plants and animals and how you can help to stop the spread at

invasives.ie/biosecurity/check-clean-dry



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