

# Calling all Paddlers

## Help stop the Invasion!

**STOP  
THE  
SPREAD**

Invasive plants and animals harm our wildlife and environment. They can block rivers, lakes, canals and marine waterways making paddling difficult.

Contaminated canoes and kayaks can cause their spread.

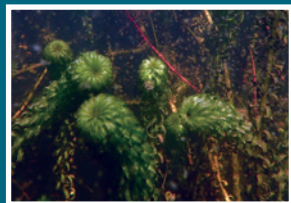
Report any invasive species you find, including:



FISH DISEASES



QUAGGA MUSSEL



AFRICAN CURLY  
WATERWEED



KILLER SHRIMP

Protect the environment you enjoy by keeping  
your boat and kit free of invasive species

**CHECK**

**Check** boats, equipment 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 the inside of your boat and areas that are damp and hard to access. Use hot water (at least 45°C) if you can.

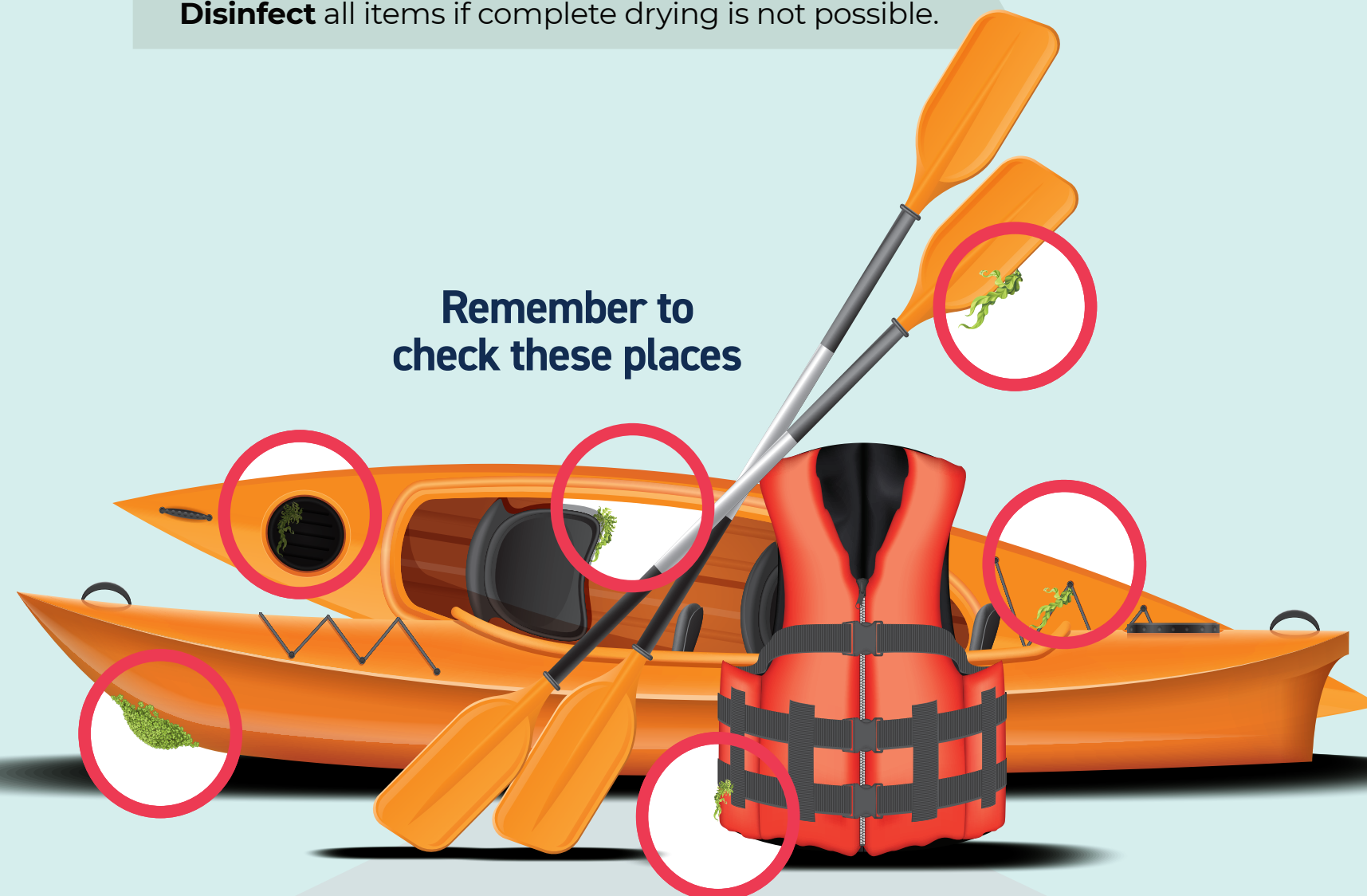
**DRY**

**Dry** – drain water from every part of your boat and dry with a sponge or towel before leaving the site. Dry everything until dry for at least 48 hours before using elsewhere as some invasive plants and animals can survive for weeks in damp conditions.

**Disinfect** all items if complete drying is not possible.



**Remember to  
check these places**



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Department of Housing,  
Local Government and Heritage



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