

Remember to follow:

CHECK

CHECK your equipment, boat, and clothing after leaving the water for mud, aquatic animals or plant material. Remove anything you find and dispose of it responsibly.

CLEAN

CLEAN everything thoroughly as soon as you can. Pay attention to areas that are damp or hard to access, using hot water, a suitable disinfectant or a pressure washer if possible.

DRY

DRY everything for as long as you can before using elsewhere. Some invasive species can survive for over two weeks in damp conditions.

When should I use disinfectant?

When complete drying is not possible the equipment can be disinfected. Read manufactures instructions to ensure proper dilution and safe handling.

Remember to:

- Try to immerse your clothing and equipment, for at least 15 minutes.
- If spraying onto gear, undertake away from waters edge.
- Please follow manufacture guidance on when to replace the disinfectant, as it loses effectiveness over time.
- Be cautious with sensitive gear, such as fishing reels as disinfectant may damage fragile equipment.



Putting together a simple, portable biosecurity kit can help you implement everyday measures to help limit the introduction and spread of invasive species.

The following are cheap and easily obtained items to include in personal biosecurity kit:



hoofpick



hard brush



quick-drying
towel



gloves



washing-up
bowl



disinfectant



spray bottle

You can download free CHECK CLEAN DRY awareness-raising materials from:

invasives.ie/biosecurity/checkcleandry/

invasivesni.co.uk/what-can-i-do/check-clean-dry/



Invasive Species
Northern Ireland
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WHAT IS BIOSECURITY?

Any measures or precautions taken to prevent the introduction and spread of organisms in the wild.



These measures include checking and cleaning gear, equipment and footwear to remove seeds, plants or other organisms before moving between locations. It also involves managing garden plants to prevent them from escaping into the wild.

HOW CAN I PRACTICE GOOD BIOSECURITY?

The fundamental principle is to **CHECK CLEAN DRY** your equipment, clothing and anything else that could carry visible or invisible living organisms from one location to another.



WHAT IS A PERSONAL BIOSECURITY KIT?

A personal **biosecurity kit** is a portable set of basic cleaning equipment. By carrying and using a biosecurity kit, you can help stop the spread of invasive species through prevention.



STOP THE SPREAD

Find out more about this biosecurity campaign and how you can report sightings to help stop the spread at:

invasives.ie/biosecurity/check-clean-dry

(Ireland)

invasivesni.co.uk/what-can-i-do/check-clean-dry/

(Northern Ireland)

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Personal Biosecurity Kit

Invasive species harm wildlife and our environment, see how you can help by carrying your own biosecurity kit!

Help stop the spread!

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