

HOW DO INVASIVE SPECIES SPREAD?

Most often it is because of us. Everyday human activities are the primary way invasive species spread. Many plants and animals have the potential to become invasive if introduced to new regions.

When boating, fishing, paddling, and swimming, you can unintentionally transport invasive plants and animals from lake to lake.

Approximately 75% of surveyed Adirondack waterways are free of invasive species. You can help keep them this way by doing your part to follow the law by always cleaning, draining, and drying boats and gear before visiting different lakes and rivers.

CLEAN off visible plants, animals, and mud from all equipment before leaving the water; **DRAIN** your watercraft's bilge, livewell, motor, and other water filled compartments; **DRY** all boats and gear for at least five days OR wash boats with hot water and dry with hand towels before reuse.

USE certified bait or collect bait where you are fishing. **DISPOSE** of unused bait, worms, and fish parts in the trash - never dump live bait into the water or on land.

Stewards are available at boat launches throughout the Adirondack Park to inspect boats before entering the water and to provide high-pressure, hot-water, boat wash stations free of charge! Find a location near you by visiting: www.ADKcleanboats.com

WHAT IS THE ADIRONDACK PARK INVASIVE PLANT PROGRAM (APIPP)?

APIPP serves as the Adirondack Partnership for Regional Invasive Species Management (PRISM), one of eight PRISMs in New York. APIPP is hosted by The Nature Conservancy with financial support from the Environmental Protection Fund administered by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. Our mission is to protect the Adirondack region from the negative economic, environmental, and public health impacts of invasive species.

Since 1998, APIPP and our many dedicated partners have worked to limit the introduction and spread of invasive plants and animals to the Adirondack region through comprehensive education, prevention, and strategic management programs.

Interested in learning more?

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PROTECT YOUR WATERS

FROM HARMFUL INVASIVE SPECIES



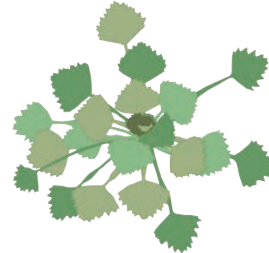
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SIMPLE STEPS TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF INVASIVE SPECIES WHEN YOU BOAT, FISH, PADDLE, AND HAVE FUN IN THE ADIRONDACKS



Above: Eurasian watermilfoil clogging a freshwater lake. (Photo: Donald Hobern, Wikimedia)
Below: Water chestnut, a floating aquatic invasive plant

WHAT ARE INVASIVE SPECIES?



Invasive species can be plants, insects, fish, or animals. They can be found in the water, on the land, or even in our backyards.

These species are not native to our region and cause harm to ecosystems, human health, and vital economic sectors such as fisheries and tourism.

Invasive species compete with native plants and animals for important resources such as space, food, and light. Once an infestation is established, aquatic invasive species can clog lakes, dominate wetlands, ruin drinking water infrastructure, cause human health issues, or push out native wildlife.

You can protect the lakes and rivers you love by following the tips in this brochure when boating, fishing, paddling, and swimming in the Adirondacks. Together we can conserve the water quality, recreational opportunities, wildlife habitat, and economic vitality of the Adirondacks.

Visit www.ADKinvasives.com to learn more about invasive species and how you can help protect the lakes and rivers you love.

Thank you!

SIMPLE STEPS TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF INVASIVE SPECIES TO ADIRONDACK WATERWAYS

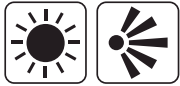
CLEAN
all plants and mud off of boats, trailers, waders, and fishing gear



DRAIN
all water from boats, motors, bait buckets, tanks, and holds



DRY
boats and gear for five days in the sun or powerwash using hot water before visiting new waterways



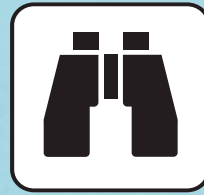
DISPOSE
of all unwanted or unused bait and worms in the trash



FREE BOAT WASH STATIONS
Clean, drain, dry is the law. Free, high-pressure, hot-water, boat wash stations are available in the Adirondacks!

Find a site near you by visiting:
www.ADKcleanboats.com

AQUATIC SPECIES TO LOOK OUT FOR:



Below are important invasive plants and animals to be aware of when boating and fishing in the Adirondacks. When possible, avoid recreating near known infestations to prevent the spread of invasive species to not-yet impacted lakes and rivers. Always **Clean, Drain, and Dry** all boats and gear after use to prevent accidentally moving plants and animals. Report any sightings using **iMapInvasives**, a free, easy-to-use, citizen science tool available online at www.NYiMapInvasives.org or download it for your smartphone at the Apple App Store or Google Play by searching for "iMap."



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ASIAN CLAM



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CHINESE MYSTERY SNAIL



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CURLY LEAF PONDWEED



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EURASIAN WATERMILFOIL



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EUROPEAN FROG-BIT



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FANWORT



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HYDRILLA



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QUAGGA MUSSEL



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VARIABLE LEAF WATERMILFOIL



Photo: Alison Fox, University of Florida

WATER CHESTNUT



Photo: Spiny waterflea, Minnesota Sea Grant

WATERFLEAS



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ZEBRA MUSSELS

LEARN MORE ABOUT THESE PLANTS AND ANIMALS, REPORT SIGHTINGS, AND FIND WAYS TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF INVASIVES WHEN YOU RECREATE BY VISITING WWW.ADKINVASIVES.COM OR SCAN THE QR CODE



SCAN ME



BUY CERTIFIED

bait or collect bait where you are fishing to avoid spreading invasive species

DON'T USE AS BAIT!



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RUSTY CRAYFISH

DON'T USE AS BAIT!



Photo: Zak Slagle, Ohio Department of Natural Resources

ROUND GOBY

DON'T USE AS BAIT!



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JUMPING WORMS