

For jetskis, jetboats and outboards

## BE A WATERWAY HERO

### Stop the spread of invasive weeds and pests



✓ CHECK

✓ CLEAN

✓ DRY

## The Check Clean Dry basics

✓ CHECK

Remove any plant or soil matter from your watercraft and trailer.

✓ CLEAN

Use a 10% detergent or 2% bleach and water mix to clean gear that is wet or moist. Spray or soak any wet clothing or footwear. Leave the mix on for 10 minutes. This will kill algae.

✓ DRY

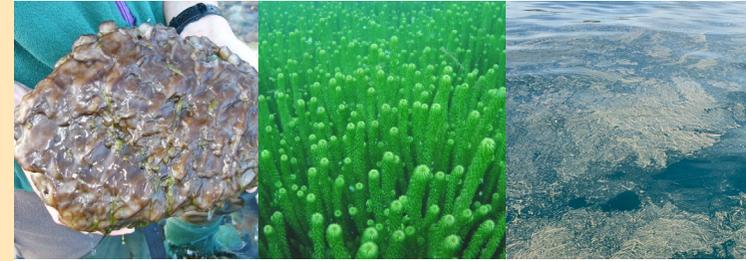
Dry any gear that has been immersed to make sure none of these moisture-loving weeds and pests can survive. Dry to touch and then for another 48 hours.

## Your Check Clean Dry toolkit

Have a good-sized spray bottle handy filled with 10% dishwashing detergent or 2% bleach in water.



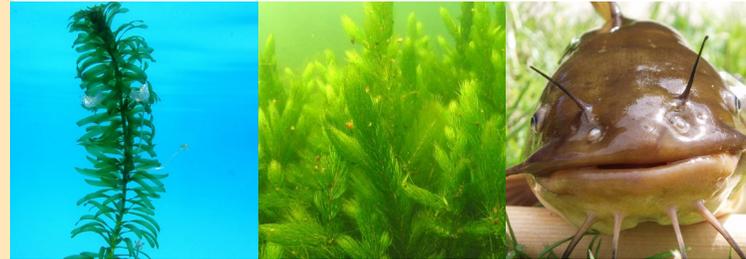
## About the threat



*Didymo*

*Lagarosiphon*

*Lake snow-Lindavia*



*Egeria*

*Hornwort*

*Catfish*

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Help stop invasive weeds and pests from spoiling New Zealand's lakes, rivers and wetlands.

There are no locked gates protecting these precious places. Do your bit to stop the spread.

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# Here are the simple things you can do that will make a difference...

## Your outboard/sternleg

1. Pull the boat out and put the motor down, then run the motor briefly to drain any water.
2. Drain the bilge.
3. If there is no drain plug for the anchor well, spray some detergent into the well.
4. Spray your cleaning mix on the water intake and the prop, as the exhaust comes out there.



## Your jetski

1. Rev the motor to run it dry while exiting the ramp. This will remove any water in the system.
2. Check and remove any visible plant matter caught on the grill or steering unit.
3. Spray your cleaning mix up the grill and into the steering unit.



## Your jetboat

1. Remove any visible plant matter from around the trailer and grill.
2. When leaving the water, rev the engine briefly to get rid of excess external water from exhausts.
3. Drain the sand trap (and bung if it drains into the hull) at the end of the trip.
4. After draining the bilge, spray your cleaning mix into any moist or wet areas.
5. Spray the jet intake, steering nozzle and reverse bucket with your cleaning mix.

Carpet on trailers stays moist longer and should be treated with your cleaning mix.



## For all trailers

1. Check and remove any plant or soil matter caught on the trailer.
2. If the trailer is carpeted this creates more of a risk of spreading pests – so where it is moist or wet, carry out a thorough spray with your cleaning mix.

## For all hulls

Make sure the outside of the hull is clean and dry before entering another waterway.

1. The outside of your craft will dry if you tow it more than 20 km on a dry day after leaving the ramp.
2. Or, if you are not going that far and will go into another waterway soon, give the hull a wipe with your cleaning mix.

## No need to flush the engine

Water heating means you do not generally need to flush out the engine between waterways.

Water in the motor of a jetski, jetboat or outboard reaches 60 degrees plus and that is hot enough to kill any unwanted pest organism.

Research by NIWA shows this includes killing the worst two invasive freshwater algae in New Zealand, didymo (*Didymosphenia geminata*) and Lindavia (*Lindavia intermedia* which causes Lake snow).