

PREVENTING INVASIVE SPECIES AT BRANTINGHAM LAKE

HOW TO CLEAN YOUR WATERCRAFT AND EQUIPMENT

Aquatic invasive species are readily spread by flowing water. In addition, many aquatic invasive species are capable of survival out of water for extended periods of time. To prevent the accidental introduction of organisms transported through water, all watercraft and equipment that are to be placed in Brantingham Lake should be cleaned to remove invasive species, including mud, weeds, aquatic animals or other materials.

Drain, Clean and Dry!

When done properly, this general set of procedures can effectively prevent the spread of invasive species into our lake.

Drain

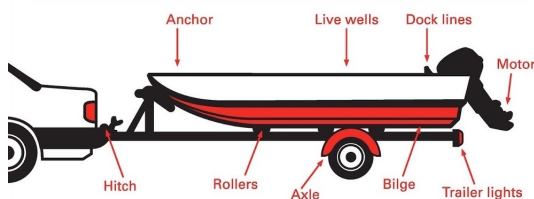
- Drain every conceivable space or item that can hold water.
- Follow factory guidelines for eliminating water from engines.
- Always drain the bilges of the boat by removing the drain plug.
- Bilge pumps are not capable of removing all water from the boat hull
- Drain live-wells, bilge and ballast tanks.
- Empty water out of kayaks, canoes, rafts, etc.

Clean

- Remove any visible plant or plant fragments, as well as mud or other debris. Plant material, mud, and other debris routinely contain other organisms that may be an invasive species.
- Check trailer, including axle and wheel areas, in and around the boat itself: anchor, props, and jet engines, ropes, boat bumpers, paddles.
- Clean all parts and equipment that came in contact with water.

Dry

- Allow everything to completely dry before launching into Brantingham Lake; five days in warm, dry weather and up to 30 days in cool, moist weather.
- If sufficient drying time is not available, decontaminate all surfaces.



Check these areas



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