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“INVASIVE SPECIES”



Aquatic Invasive Species are impacting our lakes and streams. Take these steps to stop their spread:

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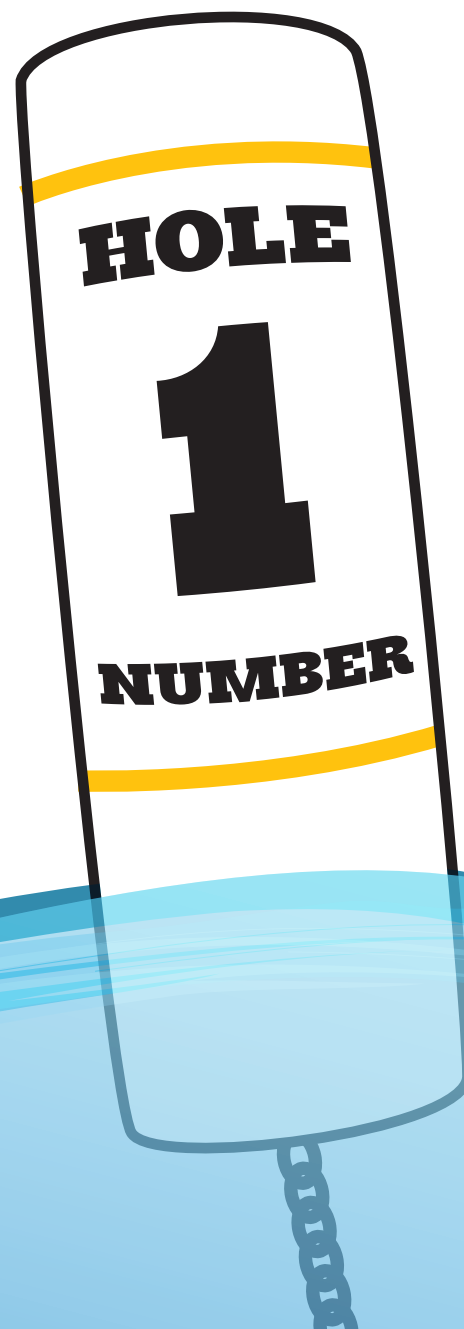
Remove all plants, mud and debris from your equipment and watercraft.

DRAIN .

Completely drain your boat. This includes the ballast, bilge, live well, and motor. And drain water from any buckets or other gear you have.

DRY.

Dry your watercraft or equipment for at least 5 days before entering a new lake or river.





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“PET POOP”



- Pet waste left in a yard or on the street can be washed into storm drains by rain or melting snow, which drain directly into our lakes and streams.
- Pet waste releases nutrients and bacteria into the water that encourage weed and algae growth, which use up the oxygen fish need to survive.

PROPER PET WASTE DISPOSAL:

- 1) **FLUSH IT** down the toilet.
- 2) **TRASH IT** in a sealed plastic bag.
(DO NOT COMPOST YOUR PET WASTE)





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“YARD WASTE”



- Leaves and grass clippings wash into storm drains, which drain directly into our lakes and streams.
- Leaves and grass clippings are a major source of phosphorous pollution in our lakes and streams.

3 WAYS TO DISPOSE OF YARD WASTE:

BAG IT.

MULCH IT.

COMPOST IT.

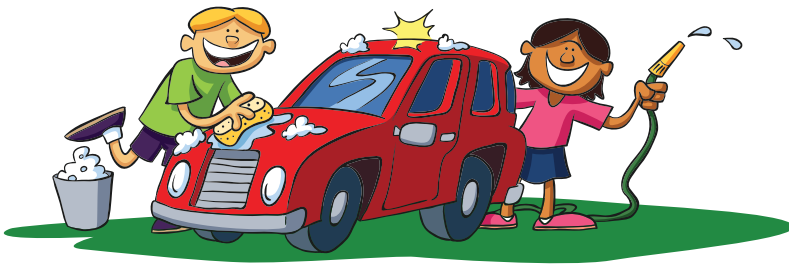




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“THE CAR WASH”



When you wash your car on the driveway, the dirt and detergent wash into storm drains, which flow directly into our lakes and streams.

WASH YOUR CAR ON YOUR LAWN:

Yup, that's right! Plants like grass are able to absorb the chemicals and contaminants.

GO TO A COMMERCIAL CAR WASH:

Most commercial car washes use 60% less water than you would washing your car at home.





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“**RAINGARDENS**”



WHY PLANT A RAINGARDEN?

- Raingardens capture runoff, preventing it from reaching storm drains that flow directly into our lakes and streams.
- The roots of the plants filter the water, removing chemicals and contaminants that could pollute our water.

WHAT A BEAUTIFUL SOLUTION!

Plant your own. Go to www.bluethumb.org

