

Why a Cooperative Boat Wash Program?

The Lake Champlain Basin Program and its partners created the Lake Champlain Cooperative Boat Wash Program to help boaters find local car wash stations that are suitable for pressure washing boats, trailers and other equipment. **To prevent the introduction of harmful invasive species into new waters, always clean boats and equipment after use and/or before launching.**

Why wash your boat?

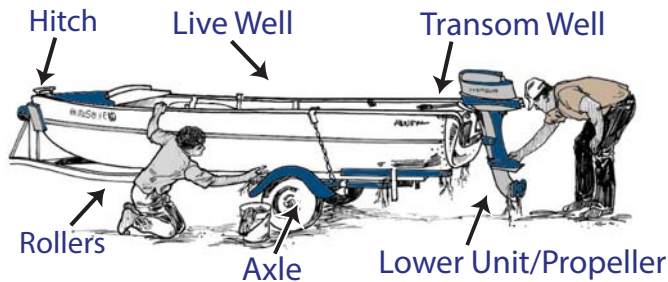
Whenever you transport your boat, jet ski, kayak, canoe, fishing gear or other recreational equipment from one waterbody to another, you risk accidentally spreading invasive species like zebra mussels or Eurasian watermilfoil to a new waterbody. Pressure washing your boat, trailer and equipment helps remove aquatic plant fragments, zebra mussels, and other unseen "hitchhikers." By always washing your boat and equipment between launches, you can help protect the waterbodies you enjoy from harmful infestations.



What are aquatic invasive species?

Aquatic invasive species are non-native plants and animals, introduced into our waters, that out compete native plants and animals for food and habitat. They can obstruct waterways, clog recreational areas and greatly reduce biodiversity. For example, water chestnut and Eurasian watermilfoil can grow to extremely high densities, hampering boating, fishing and swimming. Zebra mussels can clog water intake pipes, clutter beaches, encrust docks and equipment, and harm native mussels. There are now 49 non-native species occupying Lake Champlain, and many more threaten to invade in the near future. Many inland lakes in the region remain uninfested, but are threatened due to their proximity to Lake Champlain. Once an invasive species is established it can be difficult to manage and impossible to eradicate. **Preventing new introductions is the key to protecting our waters from these harmful invasive species.**

WATERCRAFT CHECK POINTS



When you leave a body of water:

- Clean** off any mud, plants (even small fragments), and animals from boats, trailers and equipment. If possible wash at home or at a car wash.
- Drain** boat and equipment away from water.
- Dry** anything that comes into contact with water.

Never release plants, fish or animals into a body of water unless they came out of that body of water.



STOP AQUATIC HITCHHIKERS!

Prevent the transport of nuisance species.
Clean all recreational equipment.
www.ProtectYourWaters.net

Program Partners:



Lake Champlain Cooperative Boat Wash Program



Checkerbay Car Wash, Colchester, VT

CLEAN BOATS CLEAN WATERS



Participating Car Washes

1 Hands On Car Wash
 119 First Street,
 Swanton, VT
 (802) 527-0514
 Bay Dimensions: 15' h x 16' w x 30' l

2 Hands On Car Wash Main Street
 291 N Main Street,
 St. Albans, VT
 (802) 527-0514
 Bay Dimensions: 15' h x 16' w x 50' l
 Water Temperature: 100-110 °F
 Water Pressure: 1250 PSI
 Timed Wash Length: 4.4 mins

3 Hands On Car Wash Lake Street
 10 Beaugard Drive,
 St Albans, VT
 (802) 527-0514
 Bay Dimensions: 15' h x 16' w x 30' l

4 Washland Car Wash
 310 Margaret Street,
 Plattsburgh, NY
 (518) 563-9274
 Water Temperature: <100 °F
 Water Pressure: 1200 PSI
 Timed Wash Length: 3.5 mins

5 Nu Way Car Wash
 269 Margaret Street,
 Plattsburgh, NY
 (518) 563-1850

6 Eco Car Wash
 530 Route 7 South,
 Milton, VT
 (802) 893-3534
 Bay Dimensions: 10' h x 10' w
 Water Pressure: 1200 PSI
 Timed Wash Length: 3.5 mins

7 Checkerbay Car Wash
 38 Roosevelt Highway,
 Colchester, VT
 (802) 655-0077
 Bay Dimensions: 14' h x 19' w x 42' l
 Water Temperature: 77-120 °F
 Water Pressure: 1300 PSI
 Timed Wash Length: 6 mins

8 Champ Car Wash Essex
 124 Pearl Street,
 Essex Junction, VT
 (802) 878-0941
 Bay Height: 10.4'
 Water Temperature: 120 °F
 Water Pressure: 1200 PSI
 Timed Wash Length: 3.5 mins

9 Seaway Car Wash
 1341 Shelburne Road,
 South Burlington, VT
 (802) 951-9274
 Bay Dimensions: 8'7" h x 11' w x 24' l
 Water Temperature: 110-135 °F
 Water Pressure: 1000 PSI
 Timed Wash Length: 4 mins

10 Champ Car Wash South Burlington
 1801 Shelburne Road,
 South Burlington, VT
 (802) 864-0403
 Bay Height: 13.6'
 Water Temperature: 120 °F
 Water Pressure: 1200 PSI
 Timed Wash Length: 3.5 mins

11 Crown Point Car Wash
 2738 Main Street,
 Crown Point, NY
 (518) 597-4224
 Bay Dimensions: 12' h x 15' w x 24' l
 Water Pressure: 1100 PSI
 Timed Wash Length: 4 mins

12 Treadway Car Wash
 1203 NYS Route 9N,
 Ticonderoga, NY
 (518) 585-2103
 Water Temperature: 70-80 °F
 Water Pressure: 1200 PSI
 Timed Wash Length: 4 mins



Asian clams have raised concentric ridges unlike any native to the region.

Please collect and report sightings to VT DEC at 802-490-6120. More information on AIS can be found at www.lcbp.org

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