

STOP
"ROCK SNOT"
CLEAN HERE

Clean Gear Clear Water

When you move from one waterway to another **CHECK, CLEAN, DRY** to avoid transporting unwanted aquatic hitchhikers!

CHECK for and remove all mud, plants, and animals from gear, clothing, and pets.

CLEAN everything that came in contact with water. Soak for **at least** one minute in:

HOT water: heated above 140° F; OR

Bleach: 1/3 cup to 1 gallon water; OR

Detergent or Salt : 3/4 cup to 1 gallon water.

Household cleaners containing Quaternary Ammonium (e.g. 409® or Fantastic®) sprayed on items, wiped and rinsed off.

Freezing items solid will kill Didymo.

Absorbent items (Felt-soled waders, life jackets) require soaking times of 40 minutes.

DRY gear completely then leave for 48 hours if cleaning is not practical.



STOP AQUATIC HITCHHIKERS!™

Prevent the transport of nuisance species.
Clean all recreational equipment.
Particularly waders boots.
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Aquatic invasive species (AIS) are non-native plants, animals, and microscopic organisms that threaten native plants, wildlife, and their habitat. They degrade fishing and boating areas and detract from the natural scenic beauty. Once established, AIS are impossible to remove from a river system!

River Invaders to Look Out for:



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Didymo (AKA Rock Snot)

- A light brown to beige algae with a rough cottony feel
- Forms mats on river bottoms that become barriers to native invertebrates
- A single Didymo cell can survive for months in a single drop of water!



U.S. Geological Survey

New Zealand Mud Snail

- Tiny snails (1/8 inch or 2-3 mm) with brown or black cone shaped shells;
- Reproduces rapidly and depletes trout food supply
- Populations can reach half a million per square meter!



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Live Bait

- Non-native crayfish and minnows
- Can carry pathogens like Viral hemorrhagic septicemia (VHS) that kill fish
- Displace native crayfish; reduces fish survival

For more information go to protectyourwaters.net or www.dec.ny.gov/animals/50267.html

