Invasive plants and animals harm the environment and other wildlife, block waterways and make paddling difficult. They can be small and hard to spot so are easily spread on damp equipment and clothing. Protect the environment you love by keeping your kit free of invasive plants and animals.

Don’t forget these places

Check boats, equipment and clothing after leaving the water for mud, live animals or plant material. Remove anything you find and leave it at the site, don’t put anything down the drain.

Clean everything thoroughly as soon as you can, pay particular attention to areas that are damp and hard to access. Use hot water if you can.

Dry - drain water from every part of your boat and dry with a towel before leaving the site. Dry everything thoroughly for as long as possible before using elsewhere as some invasive plants and animals can live for over two weeks in damp conditions.

Watch out for:

Find out more about invasive plants and animals and how you can help to stop the spread at:

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