Invasive plants and animals can carry diseases that kill fish, block up waterways and banks, harm the environment, and damage boats. 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** your gear after leaving the water for mud, live animals or plant material. Leave anything you find at the site, don’t put anything down the drain.

**Clean** everything thoroughly, especially nets, as soon as you can. Pay attention to areas that are damp and hard to access. Use hot water if you can.

**Dry** everything for as long as possible before using elsewhere as some invasive plants and animals can live for over two weeks in damp conditions.

Find out more about invasive plants and animals and how you can help to stop the spread at: [nonnativespecies.org/checkcleandry](http://nonnativespecies.org/checkcleandry)