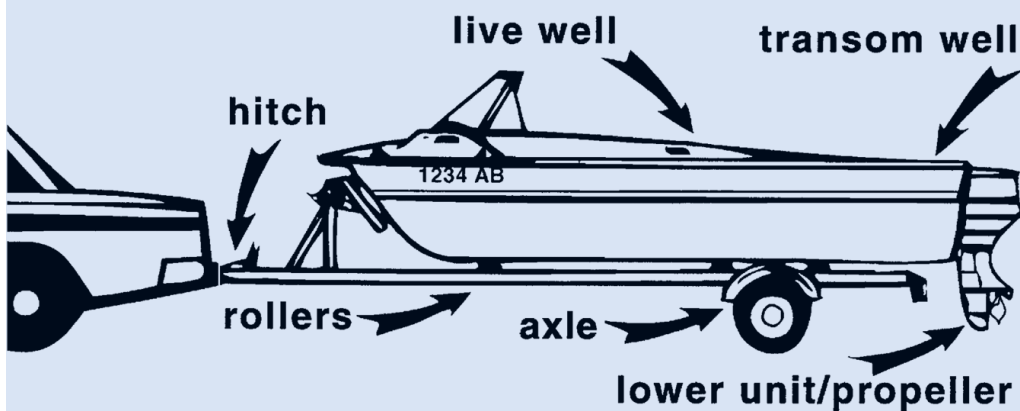


# WATERCRAFT CHECK POINTS

## CLEAN BOATING TIP SHEET



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#### HELP PREVENT THE SPREAD OF AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES

Removing any invasive plants or animals on a watercraft before it enters a lake is the most effective means of preventing the transfer of invasive species.

#### CHECK AND REMOVE PLANTS AND/OR ANIMALS FROM THE FOLLOWING:

- Boat hull, bottom and sides (visible mud or sand).
- Anchor and anchor line.
- Trailer, including rollers, trailer axle and lights/wiring.
- Sailboats and kayaks, also check the centerboard or rudder.
- Motorboats and jet skis, also check the motor/prop, anchors, bunks and intake grate.
- Drain water from the motor, live/bait/transom wells, bait bucket or bilge.
- Dispose of unwanted bait in the trash, not in the water.

**Additional precautions:** Spray, rinse, or dry equipment. Ideally, wash your boat with warm tap water, take your boat through a car wash, or dry your boat and equipment in the sun for five days before entering another body of water.

#### WHAT TO DO WITH AN INVASIVE SPECIES

If you think you have found an invasive species from a body of water that is not currently listed as infested, please take the following steps:

- Put the sample in a plastic bag and keep it in a cooler or refrigerator.
- With a permanent marker, record the date and the specific location where the specimen was found on the bag, including:
  - Name of the body of water, and county.
  - Description of where the sample was found—on a boat, caught on fishing line, etc.
- Contact the Great Lakes Aquatic Nonindigenous Species Information System (GLANSIS) at (734) 741-2287 or email: [rochelle.sturtevant@noaa.gov](mailto:rochelle.sturtevant@noaa.gov)

- Anchor
- Axle
- Bait bucket
- Bunks
- Bow line
- Fishing line
- Floor
- Hull
- Intake pipe
- Ladder
- Landing net
- License plate
- Motor
- Wheels
- Live well
- Lights/wiring
- Rollers
- Prop
- Spare tire
- Tackle
- Tow rope
- Trailer
- Transducer
- Transom well
- Trolling motor

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