

# Protect the Places You Hunt

## Prevent the Spread of Invasive Species

### Follow these simple steps:

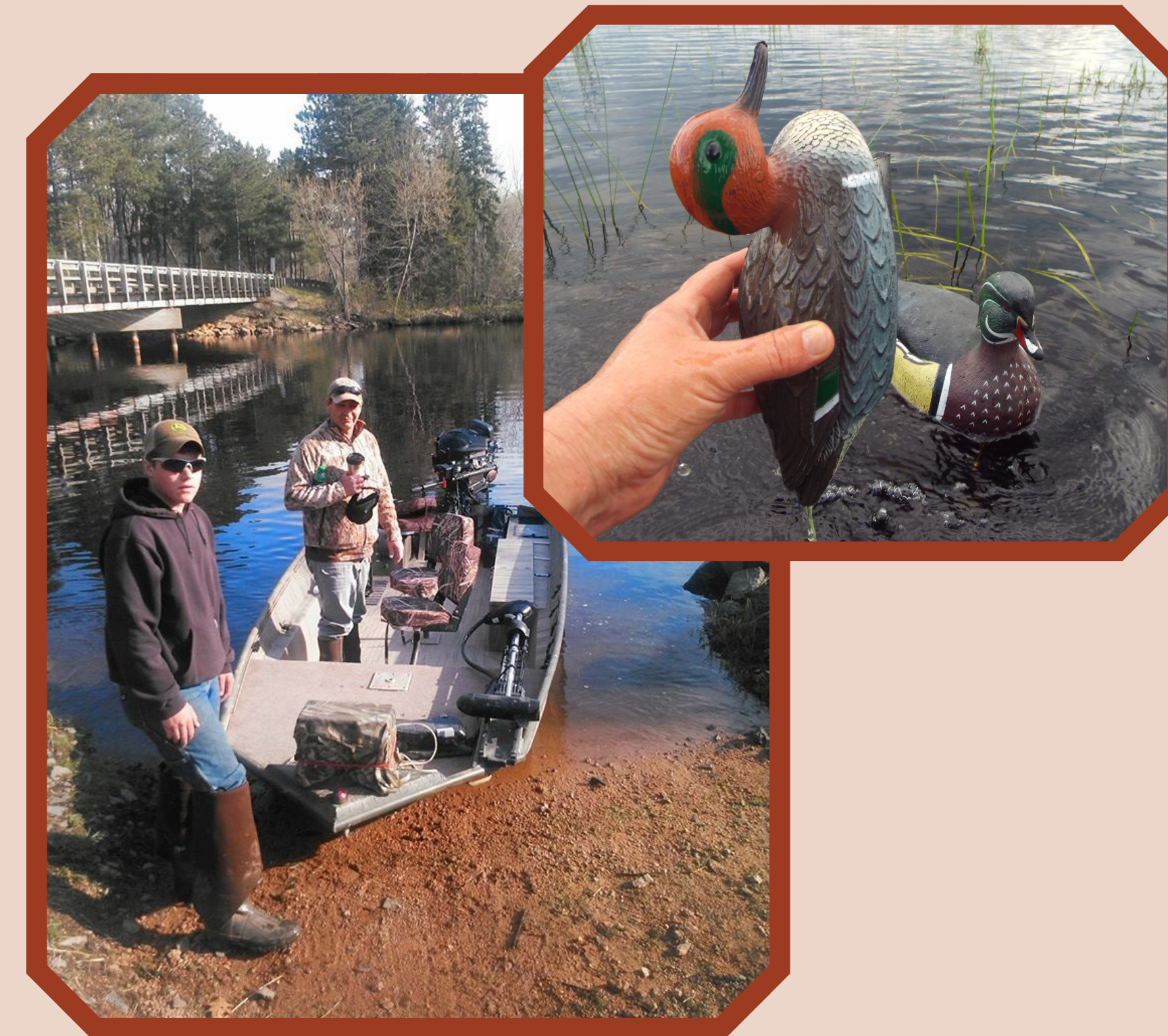
**INSPECT** decoys, blinds, dogs, boats, trailers, carts, vehicles, paddles and push-poles before leaving your hunting location.



**REMOVE** mud, aquatic plants and animals from dogs and all hunting gear.



**DRAIN** all water from decoys, boats and other hunting equipment.



### WHERE TO LOOK:



- DOGS:**
- ✓fur
  - ✓collar
  - ✓paws
  - ✓vest

- WADERS:**
- ✓boot treads
  - ✓neoprene

- EQUIPMENT:**
- ✓decoys and bags
  - ✓decoy lines and anchors
  - ✓push poles
  - ✓paddles
  - ✓blinds
  - ✓carts

- BOATS:**
- ✓motor
  - ✓anchor
  - ✓interior
  - ✓hull

- VEHICLES:**
- ✓tires/treads
  - ✓truck bed
  - ✓trailer

### Why should hunters take action?

#### INVASIVE SPECIES CAN:

##### Damage Habitat

Invasive plants and animals outcompete native species for resources and destroy waterfowl habitat. Dense areas of invasive plants destroy brooding and feeding habitat required by waterfowl.

##### Impact Wildlife Populations

Most invasive plants and animals are not suitable waterfowl forage, they can spread disease to waterfowl that may result in death. Waterfowl may leave invaded areas in search of better habitat.

##### Limit Hunting Opportunities

Dense areas of invasive plants can decrease land available for hunting.



**STOP AQUATIC HITCHHIKERS!**