

# Stop aquatic invasive species before they stop you.

Our lakes and waterways are at risk. Examine all boats, trailers and the items listed below.

**Remove any visible AIS** and/or debris. Disinfect boats and equipment listed below.



- Tubs
- Hoses
- Pumps
- Scales
- Bump tanks
- Measuring boards
- Totes
- Bags
- Nets
- Docks

Want to stop aquatic hitchhikers? Visit [seagrant.wisc.edu/cleanboats](http://seagrant.wisc.edu/cleanboats)

Visit [seagrant.wisc.edu](http://seagrant.wisc.edu) for video, detailed information and to contact outreach staff to help you set up your own operation.



For more information about preventing aquatic hitchhikers, visit [www.cleandraindry.org](http://www.cleandraindry.org)



**STOP AQUATIC HITCHHIKERS!**

✓ Clean ✓ Drain ✓ Dry



The lakes we save might be our own.

Let's inspect and disinfect.

**How about a boat-wash station at our tournament?**



No one WANTS to spread AIS.

We could raise money.

As states implement and enforce regulations pertaining to aquatic invasive species (AIS) transport, it is more important than ever to take action to prevent the spread of AIS. Be sure your tournament protects the waters and educates others to do the same. Along with inspection and removal, a boat-wash station is the best protection.



## A boat-wash station is the most effective way to prevent AIS.

Even the most basic steps can provide significant protection from the spread of AIS between waters. It only takes a little training, so check out our resources on the back of this brochure.



### Community Opportunities

#### AIS Inspections

Local fishing clubs, scout troops or other organizations can help by performing watercraft inspections in advance of the official tournament start.

#### Boat-Wash Events

Boat-wash events create opportunities for both fundraising and education. Once the tournament begins, the pre-launch inspection lines are the ideal place to quickly inspect boats for AIS, and the weigh-in offers time for visual inspection, draining and washing.

### Record Keeping

Keep a record of plans and actions taken for each event to ensure consistency and demonstrate that your tournament or club is dedicated to AIS prevention.

Prepare a check sheet to be used at each event that includes:

- event name
- date and location
- AIS prevention steps

These records will show that your event is complying with AIS transport regulations as well as taking steps to protect our water and preserve fishing traditions for generations to come.

GOOD	BETTER	BEST	EXCEPTIONAL
<b>Inspect, Remove, Drain</b>	<b>Inspect, Remove, Drain, Rinse</b>	<b>Inspect, Remove, Drain, Pressure Wash</b>	<b>Inspect, Remove, Drain, Hot-Pressure Wash</b>
<p>Visually inspect the boat, motor, trailer and equipment.</p> <hr/> <p>Remove vegetation, debris and any animals.</p> <hr/> <p>Drain standing water from the motor, bilge, live wells, tanks, tubs and bags— all equipment.</p>	<p>In addition to visual inspection and draining, rinse off boats, trailers and equipment with a garden hose.</p> <hr/> <p>Rinse the tournament equipment and live wells with a mild bleach solution (½ oz. bleach/quart water) or salt solution (½ cup salt/gallon water).</p>	<p>In addition to visual inspection and draining, use a pressure washer to more effectively remove animals and bits of vegetation that may remain after visual inspection.</p>	<p>All previous steps, but with the addition of a hot, high-pressure wash to kill as well as remove AIS.</p>