



PADDLERS: Help Stop Aquatic Invaders



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Aquatic invasive species pose a serious threat to the recreational and natural resources of Lake Tahoe and can be spread through water found in cockpits and gear.

CLEAN **DISPOSE** **DRAIN** **DRY**

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Eurasian Watermilfoil



Zebra mussels on buoy



New Zealand mudsnail

Why are aquatic invasive species a problem?

Aquatic invasive species can be transported between waterbodies by kayaks, canoes, paddling equipment and fishing gear.

- **Eurasian watermilfoil** and **Curlyleaf pondweed** produce thick mats in nearshore areas, altering ecosystems and hindering recreation.
- **New Zealand mudsnails** reproduce quickly, disrupt ecosystems, and negatively impact native trout.
- **Zebra** and **Quagga mussels** cause damage to piers, boats and water intakes, and upset natural food webs by consuming large quantities of phytoplankton that other species need to survive.

To prevent the spread of Aquatic Invasive Species:

Drain cockpits and hatches

Drain all gear, including sponges and pumps



Remove dirt and plants from hull and rudders

- ✓ **CLEAN** kayaks and canoes with pressurized water, removing all dirt, plant, and animal material from your rudder, hull, cockpit, and fishing gear.
- ✓ **DISPOSE** of foreign matter above the waterline on dry land or in a trash can.
- ✓ **DRAIN** the water from your hatches and cockpits on land before you leave the immediate area.
- ✓ **DRY** your kayak or canoe before launching.

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