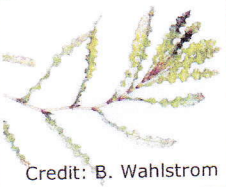


Invasive Species of Concern in New Hampshire

Plants



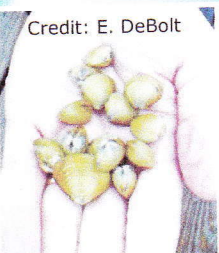
Credit: B. Wahlstrom

Curly-leaf pondweed



Credit: R. Johnson

Eurasian watermilfoil



Credit: E. DeBolt

Asian clam



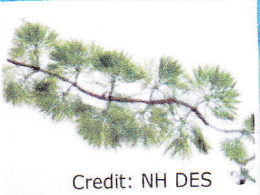
Credit: PA DCNR

Chinese mystery snail



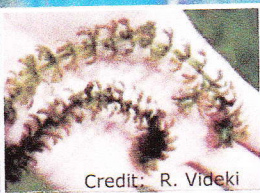
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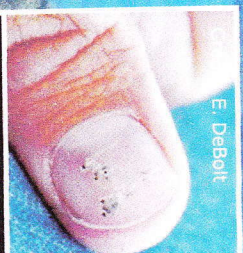
Credit: NH DES

Fanwort



Credit: R. Videki

Hydrilla



E. DeBolt

Spiny water flea



Multiple spiny water fleas on a fishing line.



Credit: NH DES

Variable milfoil



Water chestnut



Credit: C. Culver

Quagga mussel



Zebra mussel

PULL THE PLUG on aquatic hitchhikers!

*You can help keep New Hampshire
a boating paradise!*



Report potential invasive species sightings to:
NH Dept. of Environmental Services at (603) 271-2248.



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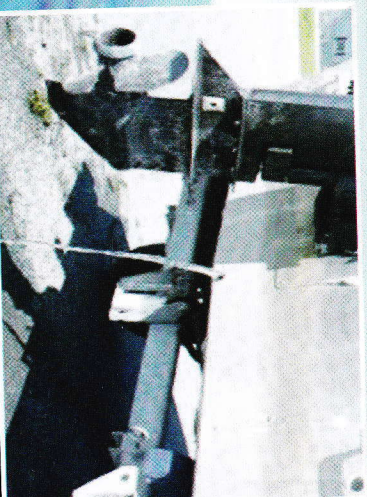
Invasive plants and animals can degrade the health of our lakes and make them dangerous to recreate in.

Invasive species are difficult and expensive to manage and almost impossible to get rid of.
YOU CAN HELP PULL THE PLUG ON THE SPREAD OF AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES!

BEFORE leaving any launch area:



CLEAN off all mud, plants, animals, and debris from your boat, trailer, and equipment. Clean off anchors and anchor lines, water intake grates on jet-powered craft, kayak and canoe cockpits, storage compartments, and paddles, too! Dispose of all material away from the waterbody where it won't wash back into the water.



DRAIN the motor, bilge, live wells, ballast tanks, storage compartments, and gear where the water won't flow back into the lake—*avoid draining while on the ramp incline*. Blow out water in jet-powered craft and tip paddle craft and motors to let out water. **OPEN/REMOVE** all drain plugs and keep them out/open while trailering. *You may need a wrench to remove drain plugs.*



DRY off anything that came in contact with the water to remove invasive species not easily seen. If launching your boat again within 5 days, thoroughly rinse with clean water away from waterbodies and towel dry—*rinsing with high pressure, high temperature water is best.*

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When transporting boats between waterbodies:

- ALL fragments of vegetation & animals must be removed before leaving the launch area.
- ALL drain plugs must be REMOVED or in the OPEN position. (NH RSA 487:16-d)

