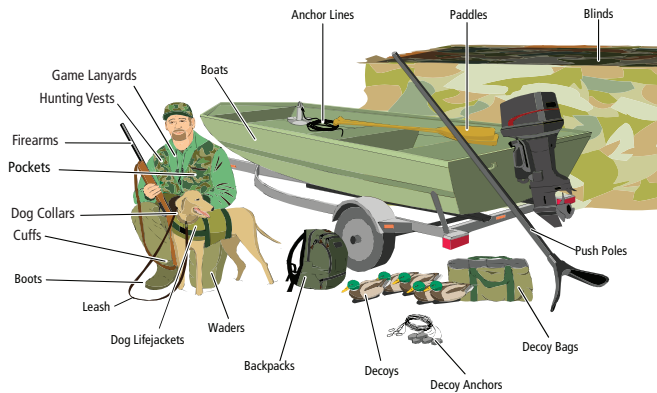


## Protect your Favorite Areas

Invasive species are non-native plants, animals, and micro-organisms that damage the lands and waters our native plants and animals need to survive.

Many people only associate the threat of spreading aquatic invasive species with summertime activities, but hunters are also at risk of moving aquatic invaders from one waterbody to another. Without proper precautions, invasive plants and animals such as purple loosestrife, phragmites, Eurasian watermilfoil and zebra mussels could be transported on duck boats, blind material and hunting gear.

**Inspect, Remove and Drain these items before leaving your hunting location.**



## Spread the Word, Not the Problem.

For more information on how you can stop the spread of harmful invasive species, please visit:



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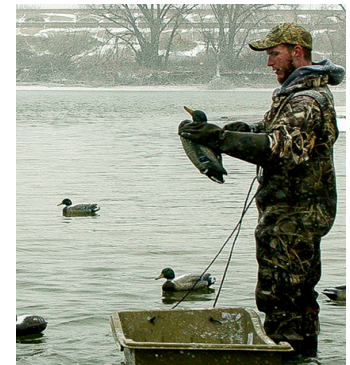
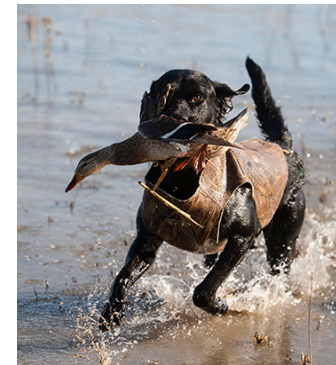
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# Wipe 'Em Off. Wipe 'Em Out!

**Stop Invasive Species In Your Tracks**



Help prevent the spread of invasive plants and animals.

- INSPECT decoys, blinds, dogs, boats, trailers, carts, vehicles, paddles
- Remove plants, animals, and mud from dogs and all hunting gear
- DRAIN decoys, boats, and other hunting equipment before you leave the area



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# Protect the Places You Hunt

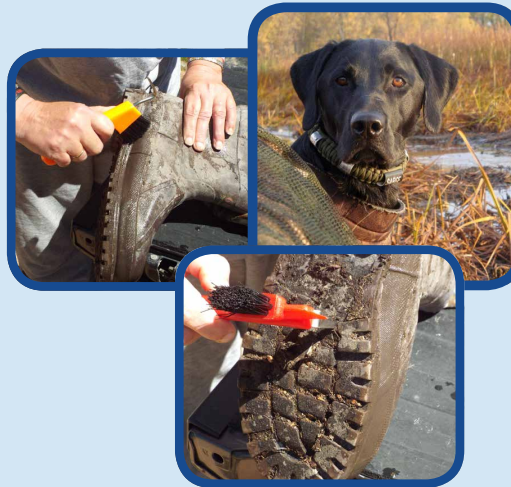
## Prevent the Spread of Invasive Species

### 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.



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### CHECK

and remove mud, plants and aquatic life



### CLEAN

boat and gear by washing, draining and drying



### DRAIN

water from bilge, live wells and ballast tanks prior to leaving waterbody



### DRY

for at least 5 days

