

Help Stop the Spread of Spiny Waterflea



Clean, Drain & Dry

Fishing gear (including rods, nets, and downrigger cables), bilge water, and anchor lines are likely to spread spiny waterflea. While all boaters need to take care, anglers need to be especially careful to help prevent the spread of this invader.

Anglers are encouraged to change fishing line when moving from spiny waterflea infested to uninfested waters and learn how to identify and collect spiny waterflea specimens.

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of Spiny Waterflea

Clean

Inspect and remove plants, animals, and mud from boat, trailer, anchor lines, and angling equipment.

Drain

Drain water from all compartments including the bilge, live wells, bait buckets, storage compartments, etc.

Dry

Allow your boat, trailer, and all equipment including fishing gear, bumpers, ropes, and anchors to completely dry.

Drying times vary based on temperature, humidity, and material. For guidance on drying times, visit the 100th Meridian Initiative at www.100thmeridian.org/emersion.asp.

If you can't dry completely before launching- then you need to disinfect your boat, trailer, & all equipment first!

- Clean the outside of the boat and trailer with high pressure (2500 psi) hot water (140°F) for 10 seconds.
- Flush the inside of the motor and all compartments (bilge, live well, bait buckets, ballast, etc.) with hot water (140°F) for two minutes.
- Soak any fishing gear and equipment that you may have in hot water (140°F) for two minutes as well.

For more information on how you can help stop the spread of spiny waterflea, go to www.lcbp.org or www.watershedmanagement.vt.gov/

