



# Bring the Mobile Boat Wash to your community!

Did you know it's **illegal** to launch or transport a boat in Michigan if there are aquatic plants or other organisms attached?

- **Aquatic Invasive Species**, such as zebra mussels, aggressive weeds, and fish diseases, threaten the health of our lakes and rivers, decrease water quality and can limit recreational enjoyment.
- Movement of boats and trailers among water bodies is the most common way Aquatic Invasive Species spread in Michigan. **Washing is an easy way to stop them.**
- Local organizations can promote boater awareness and understanding by hosting the **Mobile Boat Wash** in their community! This **free, statewide** program is brought to you by Michigan State University, the US Forest Service, and the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy.
- Our trailer-mounted units use high-pressure, heated water that is proven effective in cleaning most invasive species from boats and trailers. A containment mat prevents runoff back into your lake or river. We provide the Mobile Boat Wash, two staff who operate the unit and talk with boaters, and educational materials and giveaways to distribute to boaters.
- The presence of this unit at your launch provides an excellent opportunity to teach boaters the importance of the **“Clean, Drain, and Dry”** steps to prevent the spread of aquatic hitchhikers.



Interested in hosting the Mobile Boat Wash?

Contact Dr. Jo Latimore at MSU: [latimor1@msu.edu](mailto:latimor1@msu.edu) or 517-432-1491.

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