

# Oakland County Mobile Boat Cleaning Stations



**DON'T LET THEM CATCH A RIDE**



**STOP AQUATIC HITCHHIKERS**

Oakland County is home to thousands of lakes and rivers our residents use for boating and paddling, fishing, and hunting. These outdoor activities can unintentionally disperse aquatic invasive species (AIS); non-native plants, animals and other organisms that can harm our local economy, environment and even our health.

The Oakland County Board of Commissioners has prioritized preventing the spread of AIS in Oakland County waterbodies by purchasing two mobile CD3 boat cleaning stations. These stations can be used on any watercraft, are waterless, user-operated and completely self-contained. Three hand tools allow for manual removal of non-native plants and animals, and solar panels power a vacuum and air blower that prevent accidental transport of organisms in water left on boats.

**We can all help to prevent AIS from spreading between lakes and new AIS from infesting Oakland County's waters! When using a watercraft at a location hosting a mobile boat cleaning station, practice using the following steps:**

## CLEAN. DRAIN. DRY. DISPOSE.

**Clean:** Use the provided hand tools to remove all organic matter from the watercraft and trailer.

**Drain:** Remove plugs and drain livewells and ballast. Use the provided vacuum to remove and water leftover or on deck.

**Dry:** Use the provided air compressor to dry all wet parts of watercraft and trailer.

**Dispose:** Make sure all unused bait or leftover organic material is properly disposed of in trash or compost.



Oakland County Parks and Recreation is operating the mobile boat cleaning stations across Oakland County this summer. Visit [OaklandCountyParks.com](http://OaklandCountyParks.com) for additional information about locations or how to use the boat cleaning stations.

