### Why a Cooperative Boat Wash Program?

The Lake Champlain Basin Program and its partners created the Lake Champlain Cooperative Boat Wash Program to help boaters find local car wash stations that are suitable for pressure washing boats, trailers and other equipment. To prevent the introduction of harmful invasive species into new waters, always clean boats and equipment after use and/or before launching.

### Why wash your boat?

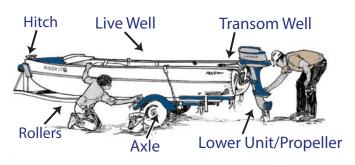
Whenever you transport your boat, jet ski, kayak, canoe, fishing gear or other recreational equipment from one waterbody to another, you risk accidentally spreading invasive species like zebra mussels or Eurasian watermilfoil to a new waterbody. Pressure washing your boat, trailer and equipment helps remove aquatic plant fragments, zebra mussels, and other unseen "hitchhikers." By always washing your boat and equipment between launches, you can help protect the waterbodies you enjoy from harmful infestations.



### What are aquatic invasive species?

Aquatic invasive species are non-native plants and animals, introduced into our waters, that out compete native plants and animals for food and habitat. They can obstruct waterways, cloq recreational areas and greatly reduce biodiversity. For example, water chestnut and Eurasian watermilfoil can grow to extremely high densities, hampering boating, fishing and swimming. Zebra mussels can clog water intake pipes, clutter beaches, encrust docks and equipment, and harm native mussels. There are now 49 non-native species occupying Lake Champlain, and many more threaten to invade in the near future. Many inland lakes in the region remain uninfested, but are threatened due to their proximity to Lake Champlain. Once an invasive species is established it can be difficult to manage and impossible to eradicate. Preventing new introductions is the key to protecting our waters from these harmful invasive species.

## **WATERCRAFT CHECK POINTS**



# Lake Champlain Cooperative Boat Wash Program

### When you leave a body of water:

- Clean off any mud, plants (even small fragments), and animals from boats, trailers and equipment. If possible wash at home or at a car wash.
- Drain boat and equipment away from water.
- Dry anything that comes into contact with water.

Never release plants, fish or animals into a body of water unless they came out of that body of water.



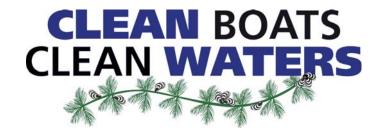


Checkerbay Car Wash, Colchester, VT

### **Program Partners:**







### **Participating Car Washes**

Hands On Car Wash
119 First Street,
Swanton, VT

(802) 527-0514 Bay Dimensions: 15' h x 16' w x 30'l

Hands On Car Wash Main Street

291 N Main Street, St. Albans, VT (802) 527-0514 Bay Dimensions: 15'h x 16'w x 50'l Water Temperature: 100-110 °F Water Pressure: 1250 PSI Timed Wash Length: 4.4 mins

Hands On Car Wash Lake Street

10 Beauregard Drive, St Albans, VT (802) 527-0514

Bay Dimensions: 15' h x 16' w x 30'l

- Washland Car Wash
- 310 Margaret Street, Plattsburgh, NY (518) 563-9274 Water Temperature: <100 °F Water Pressure: 1200 PSI Timed Wash Length: 3.5 mins
- Nu Way Car Wash

269 Margaret Street, Plattsburgh, NY (518) 563-1850

Eco Car Wash

530 Route 7 South, Milton, VT (802) 893-3534 Bay Dimensions: 10'h x 10'w Water Pressure: 1200 PSI Timed Wash Length: 3.5 mins

Checkerbay Car Wash

38 Roosevelt Highway,
Colchester, VT
(802) 655-0077
Bay Dimensions: 14'h x 19'w x 42'l
Water Temperature: 77-120 °F
Water Pressure: 1300 PSI
Timed Wash Length: 6 mins

Asian clams have raised concentric ridges unlike any native to the region.

Please collect and report sightings to VT DEC at 802-490-6120. More information on AIS can be found at www.lcbp.org Champ Car Wash Essex

124 Pearl Street, Essex Junction, VT (802) 878-0941 Bay Height: 10.4' Water Temperature: 120 °F Water Pressure: 1200 PSI Timed Wash Length: 3.5 mins

Seaway Car Wash

1341 Shelburne Road,
South Burlington, VT
(802) 951-9274
Bay Dimensions: 8'7"h x 11'w x 24'l
Water Temperature: 110-135 °F
Water Pressure: 1000 PSI
Timed Wash Length: 4 mins

Champ Car Wash South Burlington

1801 Shelburne Road, South Burlington, VT (802) 864-0403 Bay Height: 13.6' Water Temperature: 120 °F Water Pressure: 1200 PSI Timed Wash Length: 3.5 mins

11 Crown Point Car Wash

2738 Main Street, Crown Point, NY (518) 597-4224 Bay Dimensions: 12'h x 15'w x 24'l Water Pressure: 1100 PSI Timed Wash Length: 4 mins

Treadway Car Wash

1203 NYS Route 9N, Ticonderoga, NY (518) 585-2103 Water Temperature: 70-80 °F Water Pressure: 1200 PSI Timed Wash Length: 4 mins



