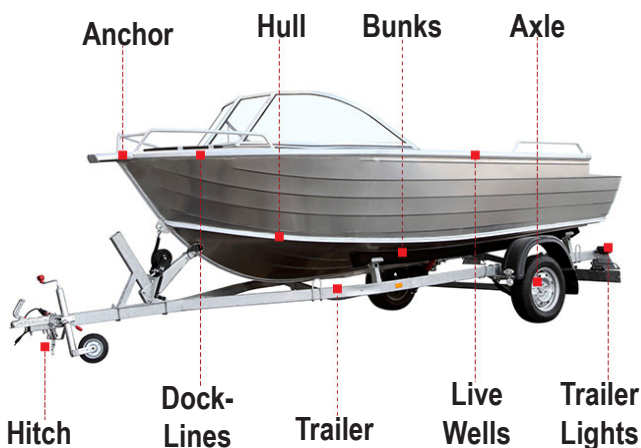




# WASH YOUR BOTTOM!

## HELP STOP AQUATIC HITCHHIKERS!



Avoid spreading aquatic invasive species.

Recommended Actions:

- ✓ **CLEAN** boats, trailers and equipment
- ✓ **DRAIN** live wells, bilges and all water
- ✓ **DRY** boats and equipment
- ✓ **DISPOSE** of unwanted bait in the trash

### IT'S THE LAW

*Violation of the law is a state civil infraction. Violators may be subject to fines.*

**DO NOT** launch or transport watercraft or trailers unless they are free of aquatic organisms, including plants.

**DO NOT** transport watercraft without removing drain plugs & draining all water from bilges, ballast tanks, & live wells.

**DO NOT** release unused bait into the water.

# DON'T MOVE A MUSSEL

## WATCH FOR THESE AQUATIC INVADERS!

### HYDRILLA



- Leaves are whorled in groups of 4-8
- Leaves are rough and have visible saw-toothed margins

*Illustration: Bruce Kerr*

### WATER CHESTNUT



- Green, floating leaves with sharply serrated edges
- Small, white 4-petaled flowers

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### BRAZILIAN ELODEA



- Generally 4 leaves per whorl
- Submerged

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### EUROPEAN FROGBIT



- Leathery, heart-shaped leaves
- Free-floating
- Leaf size: ½ - 2 ¼ in. across

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### WATER HYACINTH



- Rounded, shiny green leaves with spongy stalks
- Lavender flowers with central yellow fleck
- Free-floating

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### WATER SOLDIER



- Leaves are 16 in. long, sword-shaped, sharply serrated edges, bright green
- Leaves may be emergent or submerged

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### WATER LETTUCE



- Free-floating – forms a rosette of leaves that resembles an open head of lettuce
- Fuzzy light green leaves with long feathery roots

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### PARROT FEATHER



- Spikes of stiff, feathery leaves grow in whorls of 4-6
- Bright green upper stem emerges up to 1 foot above water

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### EUROPEAN WATER CLOVER



- Resembles a four leaf clover
- Leaves are smooth and can be floating, submerged, or emergent
- Leaf size up to 1 in. across

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### YELLOW FLOATING HEART



- Flowers are bright yellow with 5 petals
- Leaves are 2-6 in. across with scalloped edges

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These 3 species are legal for sale and possession.  
Please only report sightings outside of cultivation.

For more information and to report sightings, visit [Michigan.gov/invasives](http://Michigan.gov/invasives)



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