**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, clog 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.**
Participating Car Washes

1. Hands On Car Wash
   - 119 First Street, Swanton, VT
   - (802) 527-0514
   - Bay Dimensions: 15’h x 16’w x 30’l

2. 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

3. 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

4. Washland Car Wash
   - 310 Margaret Street, Plattsburgh, NY
   - (518) 563-9274
   - Water Temperature: <100 °F
   - Water Pressure: 1200 PSI
   - Timed Wash Length: 4 mins

5. Nu Way Car Wash
   - 269 Margaret Street, Plattsburgh, NY
   - (518) 563-1850
   - Bay Dimensions: 10’h x 10’w
   - Water Temperature: 70-80 °F
   - Water Pressure: 1300 PSI
   - Timed Wash Length: 6 mins

6. Eco Car Wash
   - 530 Route 7 South, Milton, VT
   - (802) 893-3534
   - Bay Dimensions: 14’h x 19’w x 42’l
   - Water Temperature: 77-120 °F
   - Water Pressure: 1300 PSI
   - Timed Wash Length: 6 mins

7. Checkerbay Car Wash
   - 38 Roosevelt Highway, Colchester, VT
   - (802) 655-0077
   - Bay Dimensions: 15’h x 15’w x 24’l
   - Water Temperature: 120 °F
   - Water Pressure: 1200 PSI
   - Timed Wash Length: 4 mins

8. 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

9. 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

10. Champ Car Wash South Burlington
    - 1801 Shelburne Road, South Burlington, VT
    - (802) 864-0403
    - Bay Dimensions: 12’h x 15’w x 24’l
    - 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 Temperature: 110-135 °F
    - Water Pressure: 1250 PSI
    - Timed Wash Length: 3.5 mins

12. Treadway Car Wash
    - 1203 NYS Route 9N, Ticonderoga, NY
    - (518) 585-2103
    - Bay Dimensions: 10’h x 10’w
    - Water Temperature: 70-80 °F
    - Water Pressure: 1200 PSI
    - Timed Wash Length: 4 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

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Boat Launch

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* NY Dept. of Environmental Conservation and VT Dept. of Fish and Wildlife boat launches

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