# PROTECTYOURSTREAM!

Your waders and fishing gear may now be carrying Didymo or other invasive species. Follow these steps before entering another body of water.

## **INSPECT**

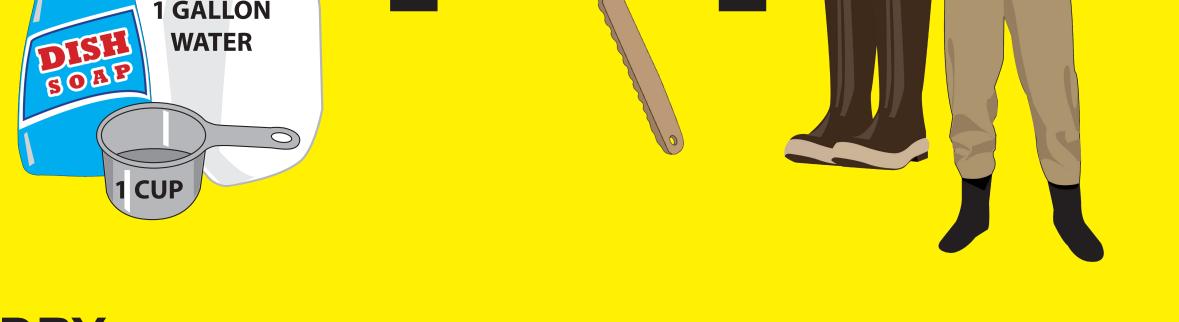
Know the aquatic invasive species in your stream. Go to *http://dnr.maryland.gov/ Invasives/Pages/default.aspx* for information on invasive species.



This is Didymo. If you are in an area containing didymo, do not walk upstream into non-infested waters or into another body of water.

# CLEAN

Remove debris from your equipment before leaving this site. **Clean all equipment at home**. Soak and scrub with at least 5 percent solution of dish washing detergent for at least one minute. Mix one cup of detergent with one gallon of water. Note that eco-friendly dish detergents are less effective.



### DRY

All fishing equipment--including lines and lures--must air dry for at least 48 hours. For example: Didymo can survive for months on slightly moist equipment.

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