PROTECT YOUR STREAM!

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 dnr.maryland.gov/Invasives 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.

New Zealand mudsnail found in Baltimore County; first known presence in Maryland.

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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