



# Pledge to be a Clean Boater & use water stewardship tips.

- To avoid spills when fueling, use an oil absorbent material to catch drips and do not overfill your fuel tank.  

- Prevent marine debris by stowing loose items and trash so they do not blow into the water. When safely possible, clean up debris others have left behind.  

- Recycle cans, glass, plastic, newspapers, antifreeze, oil and lead batteries.  

- Use phosphate-free and non-toxic cleaning products, such as baking soda, vinegar, lemon juice and elbow grease.  

- To prevent the spread of invasive species:
  - Trash your bait.
  - Clean, drain and dry anything used in the water (boats, trailers, fishing rods, beach toys) before using them in a different waterbody.  

- Dispose of used fishing line in monofilament recycling bins or throw away.  

- Use restrooms onshore or on your boat. Have boats pumped out properly.  

- Watch your wake in nearshore areas. Wake can lead to shore erosion and disturb wildlife.  

- Support marinas and organizations that are environmentally responsible.  

- Use propylene glycol antifreeze which is less toxic to the environment.  

- Volunteer for a beach or river cleanup effort or lead one.  


← Follow these clean boating tips to help create a healthier Lake Erie. Many tips apply to multiple groups and are represented as follows:

- powerboaters 
- sailors 
- paddlers 
- beachgoers 
- homeowners 



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