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Didymo Decontamination Recommendations:

Before leaving the river's edge, CHECK for clumps of mud, algae, plants and other debris and remove them. Leave them at the site.

DRAIN any water from boats and gear and DRY thoroughly before leaving.

CLEAN and DRY anything that came in contact with water (clothes, boats, paddles, fishing gear, waders, lifejackets, shoes, trailers, motors, etc...)

- Soak or spray gear in a large bucket or tub with 2% bleach solution or 5% dishwashing detergent or salt solution for one minute in very hot water. Use a scrub brush when possible.
- Dispose of water by pouring it down a drain.
- Thoroughly dry items for at least 48 hours.

NOTE: Absorbent materials require longer soaking times and longer drying times. Pay special attention to felt-soled waders, water shoes, wetsuits, sandals with fabric straps and lifejackets which require additional time to decontaminate properly.

For more information:

United States Environmental Protection Agency: www.epa.gov

Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers campaign: www.ProtectYourWaters.net

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Environmental Quality: (703) 358-2148

PA Fish and Boat Commission: www.fish.state.pa.us

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