

Improving the health of the White River in central Vermont

Help Us Knock the “Snot” Out of the White River!



Didymo on rock

What is didymo?

Didymo, a.k.a. Rock Snot, is an invasive freshwater alga that has been found on Vermont’s White River. Didymo can grow so thick on the river’s rocky bed that it smothers aquatic insects, native algae, and other organisms. Didymo is aesthetically unpleasing, and can reduce the recreational values of the White River.

Didymo spreads easily!

Microscopic cells absorb into wading boots and clothing and adheres to boats, tubes and other river gear. If these items are not cleaned or dried completely, didymo can spread to other water bodies the next time they are used.

What does didymo look like?

Didymo is tan to light brown in color, forms ropy strands, and feels like rough cotton.

If you think you see didymo . . .

Email or call us with the exact location so that we can conduct a site visit: info@whiteriverpartnership.org or (802) 763-7733.

Find more information and pictures:

www.whiteriverpartnership.org

www.vermonttu.org/White_River.html

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Prevent the spread of didymo, fish diseases, and other invasive species



Didymo covering rock

Although there is no known method of removing or killing didymo once it is in the river, **you can stop it from spreading!** Simply **CHECK, CLEAN, and DRY** your clothes and gear every time you are in the White River:

Check

Remove all visible clumps of algae and plant material from fishing gear, waders, clothing, water shoes, boats, tubes, and anything else that has been in the water.

Clean

Choose the treatment best suited to your gear and situation:

Non-absorbent items (such as boats): Scrub all surfaces for 2 minutes in a 2% bleach solution or a 5% solution of very hot tap water (120 degrees) and dishwashing detergent.

Absorbent items (such as felt-soled waders): Soak for at least 30 minutes in a 5% solution of very hot tap water (120 degrees) and dishwashing detergent. Or freeze an item until solid.

Dry

If cleaning is not practical, make sure all gear is completely dry for two full days before entering another body of water.

