

Best practices in the design and operation of a boat cleaning station

According to best practices for the design and operation of a boat cleaning station, the following criteria must be met:

- The station must be easy to access and have sufficient capacity;
- The station must be located at least 30 metres from any body of water or storm sewer system;
- Good drainage of waste water must be ensured by a wastewater filtration or sewage system or by suitable soil cover (e.g. gravel, lawn, etc.);
- The station must be installed on a surface that is level or sloping slightly away from the body of water;
- A pressure washer must be equipped with a hot-water cleaning system (between 50°C and 60°C at the point of contact) capable of operating at low pressure (unpressurized flow, i.e. the flow rate of a garden hose) and at high pressure (2,600 psi minimum, 3,000 psi maximum);
- Good practices for station use must be prominently displayed OR an attendant must be assigned to station operation;
- Facilities for collecting plant or animal debris or removing sludge from boats must be used.

To improve the efficiency of a boat cleaning station, you can:

- Use a hot-water pressure washer with a temperature of between 50°C and 60°C at the point of contact;
- In the absence of a cleaning station, provide material to inform and educate users about best practices (how to remove and dispose of debris, brush washing, drying, kayak rack, etc.).