

COORDINATED ACTIONS TO REDUCE THE SPREAD OF INVASIVE SPECIES ACROSS CANADA

Canadian Council on Invasive Species

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Background

- Federally registered, non-profit initiated in 2008
- Created as a result of the first National Invasive Species Forum
- Mandate and focus established by national members
- Governed by a '4 chamber' Board: Governments, Chapters, Industry/Businesses and Indigenous Organizations





Board of Directors

Working together to improve coordination among provinces and territories across Canada, and beyond borders.

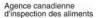












































Chapters

Provide a strong national voice



- Create dialogue
- Collaborate together
- Delivery of National Programs















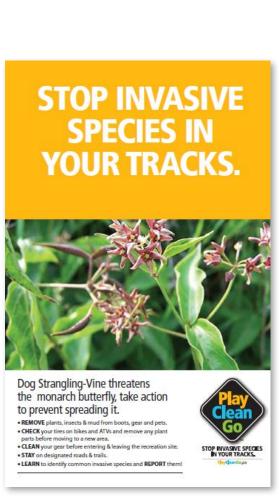




What We Do

Focus on pathways: firewood, horticulture, aquatic and terrestrial recreation, pet and aquarium trade

Linking invasive species councils, government agencies, indigenous and industry & non-profits together









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Hosting educational/information sharing events

Improving coordination across Canada and beyond borders





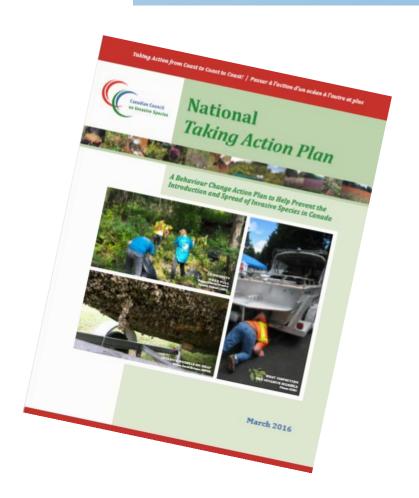


National Taking Action Plan (2016)

This plan outlines the main education and outreach strategies recommended for invasive species prevention and management across Canada

Goals:

- Canadians adopt new behaviours that block targeted pathways spreading invasive species
- Creation of consistent messaging and branding for all programs
- Community based social marketing is the cornerstone
- Identify and engage with key partners and stakeholders
- Website hub is developed
- Action plan being updated 2019/2020







NATIONAL BASELINE SURVEY 2018

Establish a 'benchmark' of Canadians knowledge related to invasive species and campaigns

Gathered information on current 'behaviours' related to the movement of firewood, boating etc

Goal of survey is to inform the development of the campaigns moving forward





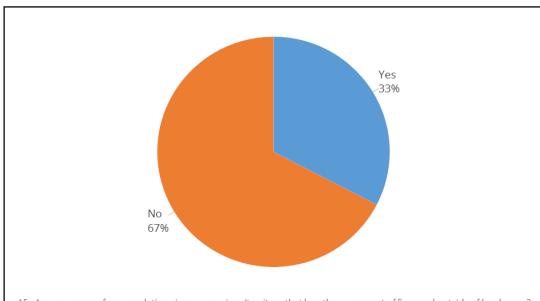


NATIONAL SURVEY RESULTS 2018

90% of firewood users indicated that they use firewood for campfires, bonfires and recreation

Most people report they source firewood locally

When camping, 45% reported they buy firewood at campsite



A5 - Are you aware of any regulations in your province/territory that ban the movement of firewood outside of local areas? SUMMARY Filter: Completed surveys AND Yukon, Northwest Territories, Nunavut, British Columbia, Saskatchewan, Manito...; sample size = 1218; 86% filtered out





NATIONAL SURVEY RESULTS

25% indicate they check and remove invasive species

Most people don't check and remove due to lack of awareness

Education campaigns motivate people







NATIONAL SURVEY RESULTS

Increase awareness and improve attitude – level of concern and willingness to take action increases

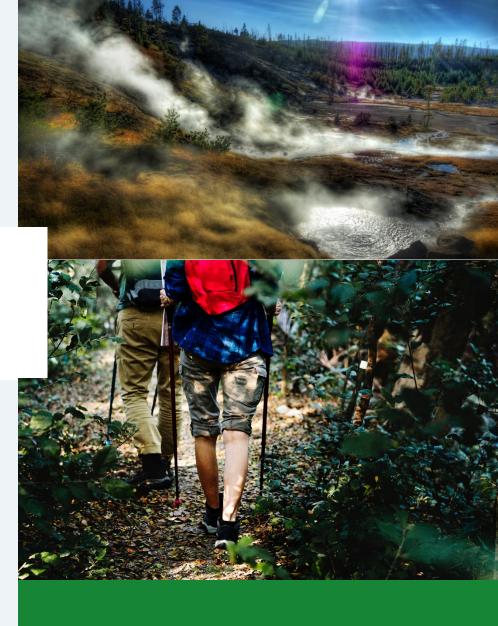
Attitude and awareness alone still not enough

People like signage, road signs, social media and workshops Need to remind people often and secure commitments





PLAYCLEANGO





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Adopted from Minnesota in 2018

Follows behaviour change methodology like our other campaigns

Work collaboratively across Canada to encourage recreation while protecting the outdoors



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PLAYCLEANGO

of resources completed and update, including graphic standards

Boot brushes available for purchase

Partners can sign-up via website and make a pledge

COME CLEAN. LEAVE CLEAN.



Help Prevent The Spread Of Invasive Plants And Animals.

REMOVE plants, animals & mud from boots, gear, pets & vehicles.
CLEAN your gear before entering & leaving the recreation site.
STAY on designated roads & trails.
REPORT invasive species to 1-800-563-7711
or EDDMapS.org/Ontario

I STOP INVASIVE SPECIES IN MY TRACKS

















PLAYCLEANGO – WHAT'S NEXT FOR 2020

70+ Canadian Partners + National Partnerships i.e. Parks Canada and NCC

Working with partners on various needs i.e. advertisements

Expanding to WorkCleanGo resources, attending events, building more partnerships





Aidez à protéger nos prairies indigènes en empêchant la propagation des plantes envahissantes.

- ENLEVEZ les éléments de plantes et la boue de vos bottes, vêtements et animaux de compagnie.
- NETTOYEZ votre équipement avant d'entrer dans le parc ou d'en sortir.
- APPORTEZ des cubes alimentaires, des granules et des flocons d'avoine ou de l'avoine cuite à la vapeur pour vos chevaux.
- APPRENEZ à identifier les plantes envahissantes courantes.
- SIGNALEZ toute plante envahissante aux employés du parc au moyen de l'application INaturalist.











CURRENT RESOURCES AVAILABLE - ONLINE

- Boot brush sign
- Factsheet template
- Posters
- Sticker templates
- Boot brushes
- Rack card
- Trail head sign





BUY LOCAL BURN LOCAL







BUY LOCAL BURN LOCAL

Began development in 2018

Worked closely with National Firewood Movement Working Group to develop resources

2018 National survey key in message development



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BUY LOCAL BURN LOCAL

2019 priorities included logo and consistent branding, education resources and best practices

Website and pledge form now live

Participated in Firewood Month





BUY LOCAL BURN LOCAL –WHAT'S NEXT FOR 2020

Expanded working group to include focus beyond firewood

Research on domestic movement of logs, creation of a voluntary certification program

Webinars and forest management best practices, working with partners





CURRENT RESOURCES AVAILABLE - ONLINE AND PRINT

- Best practices for retailors, campground owners ad firewood producers
- Invasive Species in Our Forests Activity and Colouring Book
- Invasive Species in Our Forests Educators Guide
- Posters
- Decal







CLEAN DRAIN DRY







CLEAN DRAIN DRY - BC PILOT

Pilot project in BC funded by DFO from 2018-2021

Encourages boaters and aquatic recreationists to CLEAN DRAIN DRY

Focus is on signage, social media and PSAs Will establish base for a NATIONAL campaign



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CLEAN DRAIN DRY - BC PILOT

6 + resources developed, + 6 newsletter content/articles /year and website 4 sign versions developed, 174 signs installed in year 1 by 34 partners

4 social media videos/PSAs developed

New partners outside of BC using resources developed – YK, NB, NWT

3500 rack cards, 3300 stickers, 950 window clings, and nearly 1750 floating key chains delivered







CLEAN DRAIN DRY - BC PILOT - WHAT'S NEXT FOR 2020

Publish and share social media videos/PSAs

Increase social media presence through paid campaign

Secure Year 2
Partners

Continue to work with partners outside BC





CURRENT RESOURCES AVAILABLE - ONLINE

- 4 signs
- Decal
- Chamois
- Rack card
- Keychain
- Zebra and quagga mussel fact sheet









BE PLANT WISE







BE PLANT WISE

Began development in 2018

Guided by National Horticulture Invasive Plants Working Group

National Voluntary Code of Conduct and Canada's Most Unwanted Invasive Plants, website, pledge form



NATIONAL
VOLUNTARY CODE
OF CONDUCT FOR
THE ORNAMENTAL
HORTICULTURE
INDUSTRY

For Landscape Architects, Landscape Contractors, Growers, Plant Breeders, Retailers, Suppliers, and Specifiers



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Developed in partnership by the National Horticulture Invasive Flant Working Grou







CANADA'S UNWANTED INVASIVE PLANTS



Invasive species are a growing threat to Canada's ecosystems and are capable of overtaking and displacing native species. Although most introduced plants do not disrupt ecosystems, there are a very limited number of 'alien, nonnative' plants that are identified as 'high risk' and a direct threat to human health and safety, the environment, and the economy. These plants

This list outlines some of Canada's unwanted invasive species from coast to coast. The goal of the list is to raise awareness of invasive plant species across Canada. It was developed by cross-referencing Invasive plant lists from Invasive species councils across Canada as well as regulated species lists. Not all of the species are currently widespread in the gardening, horticulture or landscaping trade, but are still of high concern across Canada and could be traded among gardeners



BE PLANT WISE – WHAT'S NEXT FOR 2020

Code of Conduct promotion materials i.e. postcard, whiteboard videos etc.

Attend conference and landscape events

Voluntary recognition program



Take the Pledge!

On behalf of our company, we recognize that invasive plants are a threat to Canada's landscapes and ecosystems and are com-mitted to taking action to prevent the introduction and spread of high-risk invasive plants. As a practitioner in the ornamental horticulture industry, we are committed to adopting the Code of Conduct and implementing best practices within our business to prevent the spread of invasive species within the urban and natural environment.

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Company *			
Email *			





OTHER

Expand and strengthen our Taking Action Campaigns

Grow and strengthen collaboration

2021 North American Invasive Species Forum





