

## Safe Boat Cleaning:

- Do not use detergents containing ammonia, sodium hypochlorite, chlorinated solvents, petroleum distillates or lye.
- Wash your boat frequently with a sponge and plain water to avoid the buildup that calls for harsh cleaners.
- Use phosphate-free, biodegradable and non-toxic cleaners. Though much less harmful, these cleaners can still cause damage to local aquatic life and should be used only on land when possible.
- Wax your boat – a good coat of wax prevents surface dirt from becoming ingrained.
- Regular use of your boat is one of the best ways to keep the bottom clean.
- Do not scrape the hull of your boat on our own. Take your boat to a marina with an approved boat cleaning facility.

**Remember:** It is unlawful for any person to discharge or allow the discharge into Lake Lanier or its tributaries any foul, noxious or deleterious solid or liquid waste *including boat cleaners and detergents*.

## Eco-Friendly Boat Cleaning Products

**The best way to keep toxic chemicals out of the water is to not use them at all.**

Toxic Product	Safer Alternative
All-Purpose Cleaner	Mix one cup white vinegar with two gallons water.
Aluminum Cleaner	2 Tablespoons cream of tartar in 1 quart hot water
Ammonia-Based Cleaners	Vinegar, salt, and water
Bleach	Borax or hydrogen peroxide
Bronze Cleaner	Lemon juice and baking soda or equal parts of flour and salt with enough vinegar to make a paste.
Chrome Cleaner/ Polish	Apple cider vinegar to clean; baby oil to polish.
Fiberglass Stain Remover	Baking soda paste.
Floor Cleaner	One cup vinegar in 2 gallons water.

General Cleaner	Baking soda and vinegar. Or lemon juice combined with borax paste.
Head Cleaner	Put in baking soda and use a brush.
Mildew Remover	Paste using equal parts of lemon juice and salt or white vinegar and salt.
Rug/ Upholstery Cleaner	Sprinkle on dry cornstarch and then vacuum.
Scouring Powders	Baking soda or salt. Or rub area with one-half of a lemon dipped in borax, then rinse.
Stainless Steel Cleaner	Baking soda or mineral oil for polishing, vinegar to remove spots.
Varnish Cleaner	Wipe with 1/2 cup vinegar and 1/2 cup water solution
Window Cleaner	Mix 2 tablespoons vinegar in one quart of water or rub glass with newspaper.