

A fishing trip may last a day,
but **zebra mussels** can live
in a lake forever.



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**Do your part to protect Minnesota's waters
by following the state aquatic invasive species laws**

You must...

- **Clean** visible aquatic plants, zebra mussels and other prohibited species from watercraft, trailers, and equipment before transporting from any water access.
- **Drain** water from bilge, livewell, motor, ballast tanks, and portable bait containers before leaving water accesses or shoreline property.
- **Keep** drain plug out and water-draining devices open while transporting watercraft.

You may not...

- **Transport** aquatic plants, water, or prohibited invasive species such as zebra mussels or Eurasian watermilfoil.
- **Dump** live bait into state waters, on shore, or on the ground.
- **Launch**, or attempt to place, watercraft, trailers or equipment with aquatic plants, zebra mussels, or prohibited invasive species into any state waters.

Additional recommended precautions, not required by law ...

Spraying with high-pressure water, **rinsing** with very hot water, and/or **drying** boats and water-related equipment for at least five days is advised to remove or kill hard-to-see aquatic invasive species before moving to other water bodies. **Dispose** of unwanted bait in trash.

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