

ATTENTION SHORELINE RESIDENT

Do your part to protect Minnesota waters

The majority of Minnesota shoreline residents take action to prevent the spread of invasive species.

Before moving docks, lifts and swim rafts between water bodies, take these steps:



Clean equipment to remove plants, small animals and debris.



Drain all water.



Dry for 21 days.

The clean and drain steps apply to boats, trailers and gear too.

Moving your shoreline equipment?

If you hire someone to help remove, install, decontaminate or transport your docks, lifts or other equipment, make sure they are a permitted Lake Service Provider (LSP). LSP owners and employees are required to take Department of Natural Resources (DNR) training and must have a DNR permit to operate in Minnesota waters. Find permitted LSP businesses at mndnr.gov/lsp-list.

Minnesota law requires docks, lifts, swim rafts and associated water-related equipment remain out of the water to dry for 21 days before moving it from one water body to another.

Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS)

AIS are non-native plants, animals and diseases that harm local fish populations, water quality and water recreation. Invasive species like zebra mussels, faucet snails, and Eurasian watermilfoil can attach to or get tangled in any equipment that is submerged in lakes or rivers. Anyone moving water-related equipment can spread AIS if prevention steps are not followed.

Additional best practices

- When you are buying or selling **used** equipment (docks, lifts, swim rafts), **plan ahead**: make sure you have time to dry it for 21 days between removal and installation.
- Make sure to clean and drain **all parts of the equipment**, especially parts that were submerged underwater such as: posts, poles, supports, footing, wheels, ladders, steps, floats, buoys, ropes, chains, anchors, etc.
- **Use tools to scrape** or **high-pressure water to spray** off stuck-on debris.

If you find a new occurrence of an AIS in a water body

Note the exact location of your find and take clear photos or keep a sample. Report online using eddmaps.org or contact a DNR AIS Specialist at mndnr.gov/aiscontacts or call 888-MINNDNR or 651-296-6157.

Learn more about AIS at mndnr.gov/AIS

