

# ATTENTION BOATER

## Do your part to protect Minnesota waters

The majority of boaters visiting public water accesses on Minnesota lakes and rivers take action to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species.

Before leaving a water access or shoreland, take these steps:



**Clean** your boat, trailer and gear.



**Drain** all water (bilge, ballasts, livewells, bait containers, etc.) and keep drain plugs out during transport.



**Dispose** of unwanted bait in the trash.

*Violating these laws may result in fines up to \$1,000.*

Go above and beyond:

**Rinse** your boat and gear with cold water.

**Dry** your boat and gear for 5 days.



**Decontaminate** your boat: Rinse with hot water at 120°F for 2 minutes or 140°F for 10 seconds. If needed, spray with high pressure to remove attached debris.

Find FREE decontamination locations here: [mndnr.gov/decon](https://mndnr.gov/decon)



## Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS)

AIS are non-native plants, animals and diseases that harm local fish populations, water quality and water recreation.

### Watercraft inspectors are here to help!

Inspectors will inform you about AIS and will physically inspect your boat, trailer, other water-related equipment and compartments that hold water. Be prepared:

- **When entering:** Arrive cleaned and drained. Open the lids of closed compartments that could hold water, like live wells, so the inspector can see they are drained.
- **When exiting:** Pull all drain plugs. Clean off any plants, mud and invasive animals.

Tell us how we are doing at [wip.dnr@state.mn.us](mailto:wip.dnr@state.mn.us)

To reach a conservation officer to report a potential violation, to contact an AIS expert, or for more information: call the DNR Information Center at 888-MINNDNR or (651) 296-6157 or email [info.dnr@state.mn.us](mailto:info.dnr@state.mn.us)

Learn more at [mndnr.gov/AIS](http://mndnr.gov/AIS)



Trained watercraft inspectors offer **FREE** decontamination services. If a unit is not present at the public water access you are at, you can find locations here:

[mndnr.gov/decon](http://mndnr.gov/decon)