



## General Permit: Fire Departments using Infested Water for Training

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR)  
Division of Ecological and Water Resources  
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### Do I need this permit?

Fire departments in Minnesota need to follow the permit conditions below to take and transport infested water during fire department training activities. During an emergency, fire departments do not need to follow these permit conditions to take and transport water from an infested water body, or any other surface water body.

### How do I know which lakes and rivers are “infested waters”?

Search for the water bodies where you use water for training purposes on the DNR’s infested waters list <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/invasives/ais/infested.html>.

### How do I use this permit?

If your activities comply with the permit conditions below, you are covered by this permit. You do not need to print this permit or keep a copy in your possession.

### Permit conditions

#### Scope:

This permit authorizes individuals working or volunteering for a fire department to take and transport infested water during fire department training activities.

#### Conditions:

Discharge water taken from any water body on the [infested waters list](#) in any one of these ways:

1. onto a fire; or
2. at an upland location at least 300 feet from another water body or storm drains that may drain into another water body; or
3. directly into the same water body or onto the immediate shoreline of that water body.

Remove all aquatic plants, mud and animals from hoses or other equipment used in infested waters during training activities.

#### Dates valid:

This permit is valid until December 31, 2024. We recommend that you sign up for permit updates on the [DNR’s invasive species permit website](#) to be notified of any changes to this permit.

### Best practices

In addition to the permit conditions above, we recommend that when practical you:

- visit uninfested water bodies before infested water bodies,
- rinse equipment that comes into contact with infested water, and
- allow equipment to dry after contact with infested water.

### Who can I contact if I have questions?

Visit the DNR’s list of [contacts for aquatic invasive species](#) on our website, or call the DNR Division of Ecological and Water Resources at 651-259-5100.