



CLEAN DRAIN DRY



**HELP PROTECT
NEBRASKA WATERS**



INSPECT. CLEAN. DRY.

As someone who cares about our lakes, rivers and wetlands, I pledge to protect them from aquatic invaders. To help stop their spread:

I will remove plants, animals and mud, then drain and dry before I leave a water access.

I will follow AIS laws and regulations.

I will dispose of all unwanted bait and fish parts in the trash.

I will share this information with others.

What are AIS?

Aquatic invasive species (AIS), such as zebra mussels, silver carp and Eurasian watermilfoil are organisms that do not naturally occur in our waters. Once established in a new body of water, they can do lasting damage to our environment, outdoor recreation and Nebraska's economy.



How do they spread?

Often easily overlooked, the main way these aquatic invaders spread is by hitching rides on boats, trailers and gear used by anglers, boaters and other recreationists. If you leave a water access site without taking precautions, you may be transporting these harmful organisms from one body of water to another.



Zebra Mussels

What can you do?

The good news is that many of Nebraska's lakes, rivers and wetlands are not yet infested with invasive species. With a few simple but effective steps, you can help protect our valuable waters.

If you would like more information about AIS, please contact:

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Boating, fishing, hunting and wildlife watching are traditions we want to preserve for future generations.



By working together and taking responsibility, we can help protect our waters!



Here are a few simple actions you can take to prevent aquatic invaders from spreading:

CLEAN

After boating, before you leave the launch:



Remove all visible plants, animals, and mud from your boat, trailer, and other equipment and dispose of in a suitable trash container or on dry land.

Zebra Mussels



BE AWARE!

It is illegal in Nebraska to arrive at or leave a launch area with aquatic vegetation attached to watercraft, trailer or vehicle.

DRAIN

After boating, before you leave the launch:



Pull plugs to drain water from boat motor bilges, live wells, ballast tanks, and any other locations with water before leaving the launch. Exercise outboard motors up and down to aid in the draining process.

Eurasian Watermilfoil



BE AWARE!

It is illegal in Nebraska for a boat to arrive at or leave a waterbody with water from other than domestic sources.

DRY

Before you arrive at the launch to go boating:



Dry your boat, trailer, and all equipment completely for **at least 5 days**. If you are unable to do this, dry them as well as possible. Soaking equipment, engines and live wells in vinegar for 20 minutes can kill zebra and quagga mussels. Vinegar can be used more than once.

BE AWARE!

High pressure hot water (greater than 140°) kills zebra and quagga mussels.



DON'T DUMP BAIT!

Remember!

Dispose of all unused bait in the trash or an approved site and never release organisms caught from one waterbody into another.



Silver Carp

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