



The Four things You Can Do to Stop the Spread of Zebra Mussels & Other Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS)

Zebra mussels, and other AIS, pose a real threat to our pristine northern waterways. Please do your part and follow these **four simple steps**:

1. CLEAN - DRAIN – DRY* - it takes 5 minutes!

- Remove all weeds, algae and mud from your watercraft**, engine and trailer
- **Lower the motor** to drain all water from the lower unit (it holds more water than you would expect)
- Wipe off your watercraft, engine, trailer, and items that have been in the water
- Allow watercraft, anchor lines and wet equipment time to completely dry before the next launch



2. PULL YOUR PLUG(s)

- Drain all water from your watercraft, including the live-well
- Transport your watercraft without the plug in – this is the law!

3. DECONTAMINATE – IF NECESSARY

- When your watercraft has been in zebra mussel invaded waters or within a “Control Zone”, have it decontaminated (e.g. Lake Winnipeg, Lake Manitoba, Nelson River, Footprint Lake, Cedar Lake) you **must** have your watercraft **decontaminated**
- Decontamination is available at government watercraft inspection stations – free of charge
- To learn more about control zones and hours of operation of watercraft inspection stations visit: Manitoba.ca/StopAIS or check out our website below

4. TELL OTHERS – SPREAD THE WORD!

- The spread **can** be stopped with your help

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*Modified from Manitoba Government Information

**a watercraft includes boats, canoes, kayaks, paddle boards and personal watercraft