

Know Before You Go!

Stop Zebra Mussels



We are proud that most of northern Manitoba waters are free of zebra mussels and other Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS)

We need to keep it this way!

To prevent the spread of zebra mussels and other AIS, before you transport your watercraft:

Clean – Drain – Dry

Clean Means

- your watercraft and water-related equipment are free of AIS, vegetation, and mud.

Drain Means

- there should be **no residual water** in the watercraft, including the live well and engine.
- **remove all drain plugs** when transporting your watercraft, to comply with the Provincial AIS regulations.
- **lower the boat motor** to drain all water from the lower unit before transport.

Dry Means – All ropes, lifejackets, other gear are dry prior to going in another waterbody.

If your watercraft has been in an AIS Control Zone such as Lake Winnipeg, Lake Manitoba, Saskatchewan River, or the Nelson River (see map on back) or other AIS Invaded waters (e.g. Footprint Lake) you must have your watercraft decontaminated prior to placing it in another waterbody. If you are uncertain if you have been in an invaded waterbody, it is recommended to decontaminate. This can be done at a government Watercraft Inspection Station.

Cleaning at a **car wash is Not** considered decontamination due to low water temperatures.

Schedule your trip – so you can visit Manitoba Government's [Watercraft Inspection Stations](#). They will inspect and, if necessary, decontaminate your watercraft - **It's Free!**

For more information, and to view the watercraft inspection station hours of operation, check out the [Manitoba AIS Website](#).



