

PROTECT MANITOBA'S WATERS AND RESOURCES

STOP AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES

Aquatic invasive species (AIS) threaten Manitoba's waters. Species such as zebra mussels can cause major negative economic, environmental and social impacts to surface water-users such as fishers, recreational water-users, industry and tourism.



Water-related aircraft operators: Use this checklist to help stop the introduction and spread of AIS.

In Manitoba:

- **you must be free of AIS.**
- if water is drained from the floats or pontoons of an aircraft, the water must be collected in a container and disposed on land so the water **does not drain into a water body**.
- where required, water-related equipment can be decontaminated following the Approved Decontamination Methods for Water-related Equipment (Schedule C) of the Manitoba Government's Aquatic Invasive Species Regulation.
- water-related equipment is equipment that comes into contact with surface water, for example, fishing gear, anchors, ropes, pumps and docks.

BEFORE TAKING OFF FROM A WATER BODY, you need to...

- inspect the aircraft and water-related equipment. Ensure they are free of AIS, aquatic plants (e.g., weeds and algae) and mud.
 - Pay close attention to areas that are close to and below the water line (e.g., retractable rudder, cables) and water-related equipment that may get wet.
- drain all water from water-related equipment.

Note: if water is drained from the floats of the aircraft, the water must be collected into a container and disposed of on land so that it does not drain into a water body.

- dry completely or decontaminate water-related equipment **before** placing it into **another** water body.

To decontaminate water-related equipment:

- follow the Approved Decontamination Methods for Water-related Equipment (Schedule C) of the Manitoba Government's Aquatic Invasive Species Regulation.

Note: if taking off then landing on the **same** water body, drying completely or decontaminating water-related equipment is not required.

WHEN LANDING ON A WATER BODY, you need to...

- ensure the water-related equipment that was last used in **another** water body than the one you are entering is **dried completely or decontaminated**.

To do this, for example:

- secure ropes to the struts or steps to prevent them from coming into contact with surface water.

OR

- follow the Approved Decontamination Methods for Water-related Equipment (Schedule C) of the Manitoba Government's Aquatic Invasive Species Regulation.

IF OPERATING IN AN AIS CONTROL ZONE, in addition to the taking off and landing steps above, you need to...

- have applied, anti-fouling paint to underwater surfaces such as the aircraft's floats if mooring for **longer than 12 hours** in an AIS Control Zone established for zebra mussels. The anti-fouling paint must be maintained in good condition. Otherwise the aircraft cannot be moored in an AIS Control Zone established for controlling the spread of zebra mussels.
- decontaminate AND dry completely** water-related equipment **before** placing it into **another** water body.

Note: decontamination of water-related equipment is not required:

- if taking off then landing on the **same** water body.

OR

- when the equipment is dedicated to a specific water body (e.g., ropes are attached to docks rather than the aircraft).

NEED MORE INFORMATION

visit: **Manitoba.ca/StopAIS** or call (toll free):

1-87-STOP AIS-0

SET FINES FOR AIS OFFENCES ARE IN EFFECT YEAR-ROUND AND RANGE FROM \$174 TO \$2,542 (FOR INDIVIDUALS).

PROTECT MANITOBA'S WATER BODIES FROM AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES (AIS). BE PART OF THE SOLUTION AND DO YOUR PART - EVERY TIME.