

DON'T MOVE A MUSSEL!

Zebra mussels and other aquatic invasive species (AIS) are spread most often by people. Adult zebra mussels cling to watercraft and water-related gear, and their tiny larvae hide in leftover water.



PREVENTION STARTS WITH YOU.

The following steps apply year-round and are required whenever items come in contact with water from a water body.

When leaving a water body, ALWAYS:

CLEAN off all visible AIS, debris, animals, mud, and plants (i.e., weeds) including algae.

DRAIN all residual water. Remove watercraft drain plug before travelling.

DRY everything completely. Wipe surfaces to crush any remaining AIS.

If you've used a known or suspected AIS-invaded water body, you also must either:

DEDICATE the watercraft and gear for use in that specific water body. Don't transport items between water bodies; rent or use local gear instead.

DECONTAMINATE all watercraft and gear before using in a different water body. This extra step helps kill any hidden AIS.

Together, these steps target the various stages and types of AIS to offset the level of risk our behaviours pose for spreading AIS to new areas.



To learn more, or to report an AIS sighting, visit: Manitoba.ca/StopAIS

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