

Stop the spread of aquatic invasive species: Remember to clean, drain, dry and dispose!

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As summer weather arrives, we look forward to days spent at Michigan lakes and rivers. Whether you enjoy boating, paddling, fishing or floating, you can help to reduce the spread of aquatic invasive species (AIS) by following these easy steps from [Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers!](#):

1. **CLEAN** off visible aquatic plants, animals and mud from all equipment before leaving water access.
2. **DRAIN** motor, bilge, livewell and other water containing devices before leaving water access.
3. **DRY** everything for at least five days OR wipe with a towel before reuse.
4. **DISPOSE** of unwanted bait, worms and fish parts in the trash. When keeping live bait, drain bait container and replace with spring or dechlorinated tap water. Never dump live fish or other organisms from one water body into another.”

Make sure you know Michigan's [boating and fishing laws regarding AIS](#).



This summer, the Mid-Michigan Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area (CISMA) will be at local boat launches partnering with Michigan State University's Mobile Boat Wash crew and hosting [AIS Landing Blitzes](#) with CISMA partner organizations to talk about AIS with aquatic-based recreationists in our four-county area. Stop by one of the following events for a free boat wash and AIS materials:

- July 6 from 10:00 am-2:00 pm at Morrison Lake
- July 7 from 10:00 am-2:00 pm at Lake Lansing
- July 12 from 9:00 am-1:00 pm at Park Lake
- July 13 from 9:00 am-2:00 pm at Jordan Lake

It's up to all of us to protect our water from aquatic invasive species. Remember to clean, drain, dry, and dispose!