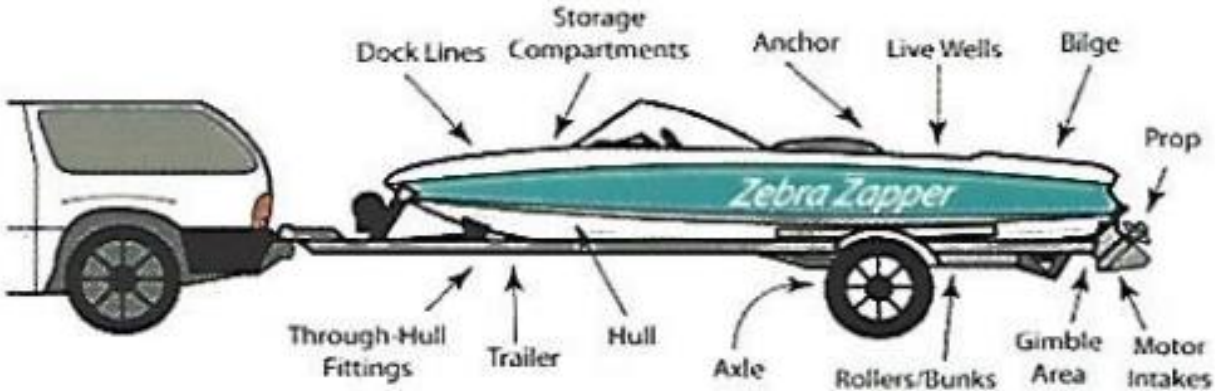


## Your Actions STOP Aquatic Hitchhikers!

### BEFORE LEAVING a WATER ACCESS or SHORELAND, TAKE THESE STEPS:

**CLEAN** all visible aquatic plants, mud and debris, zebra mussels, faucet snails, and other prohibited invasive species, from watercraft, trailers, and water-related equipment before leaving any water access or shoreland.

**CHECK** these places on your Boat and Trailer for Aquatic Plants or Animals:



**DRAIN** water-related equipment (boats, ballast tanks, portable bait containers, motor) and drain bilge, livewell and baitwell by removing drain plugs before leaving a water access or shoreland. Keep drain plugs out and water draining devices open while transporting watercraft.

LOWER your Boat Motor DOWN for 1 Minute so water drains out. Raise the lower unit before driving away.

CHECK lines and reels for spiny waterflea.

**DISPOSE** of unwanted bait, including minnows, leeches, worms, in the trash.

It is illegal to release live bait into a water body, dump worms on the ground, or move aquatic animals from one water body to another.

If you want to keep your live bait, on shore before leaving, DRAIN your bait container and REFILL it with bottled or dechlorinated tap water.

### **RECOMMENDED** Additional Actions – Protect Your Waters and Your Walleyes!

Some AIS are small and difficult to see during inspection so before moving to another water body additional actions are recommended especially if your boat has been in the water or moored for more than 24 hours or if you have recently been in waters known to be infested with zebra mussels or spiny waterflea. Do one or more of the following:

**SPRAY** with High-Pressure Water

**RINSE** with very hot water.

**SCHEDULE** Your FREE Boat Decontamination Park Rapids 218-616-1631 [mndnr.gov/decon](http://mndnr.gov/decon)

**DRY** for at least five days.

For the most complete and current infested waters list, visit [mndnr.gov/AIS](http://mndnr.gov/AIS). You can use [mndnr.gov/lakefind](http://mndnr.gov/lakefind) to find out if a particular lake is listed as infested. Infested Waters are posted with orange Invasive Species Alert signs at the public access.

If you suspect a new infestation of an AIS the lake is not already listed for, note the exact location, take a photo with a coin in the picture & keep the specimen moist & cool in a labeled bag and call a DNR AIS Specialist: 888-MINNDNR .