

I have Zebra Mussels Now What Do I Do?

- **Prevent** the introduction or spread of invasive mussels to our lakes. It is important for water users to **Clean+ Drain+ Dry** their watercraft and/or equipment (Boat, kayak, etc.) when leaving **any** waterbody, *particularly* an infested waterbody.
- **Inform** other cottagers on the lake and visitors to the lake aware of the invasion.
- **Educate** yourself, your family and cottage guests. Check out the resources on the MALLA Web Site and the following web sites:

<http://loveyourlake.ca>

<http://Ontario.ca/page/remove-invasive-aquatic-plants>

Knowledge is key

- **Eradicate:** Scrape the mussels off your docks, boats, rocks, shoreline walls, etc. Soak the mussels in buckets of at least 2% chlorinated water overnight to kill them; put them in a garbage can and dispose of them away from any sewer or waterway.

FACT: Zebra mussels can survive out of water for up to 18 days in high humidity.

- **Add a filter to your water intake** lines and foot valves to avoid blockages by mussels inside your pipes.
- **Wear water shoes when in water**, as the mussels are very sharp and can cut skin.