

How to Help

Clean

Inspect and remove any aquatic plants, animals, and mud from equipment, watercraft, and trailers before leaving the launch. Some County boat launches have watercraft cleaning stations that are free for public use.



Drain

Drain all water from boats, motors, live wells, bilges, bait buckets and other containers before leaving the landing.

Rinse or Dry

Rinse boat and equipment with hot water, diluted bleach solution, high pressure water, or let the equipment air dry for at least 5 days. For the most effective disinfecting methods for your equipment please visit: <https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/invasives/disinfection.html>

Dispose

Dispose of unwanted bait in the trash. Never move plants or live animals from a waterbody.



When using minnows, buy them from a licensed Wisconsin bait dealer. Only use leftover minnows under certain conditions. You may take leftover minnows away from any state water and use them again on that same water. You may use leftover minnows on other waters only if no lake or river water, or other fish were added to their container.

What are Aquatic Invasive Species?

Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) are aquatic non-native plants, animals, or pathogens that may cause environmental or economic harm.

Currently Door County waterbodies have a variety of AIS reported including curly-leaf pondweed, viral hemorrhagic septicemia, starry stonewort, and spiny water flea.

In their native environments, invasive species have competitors and predators to keep their populations in check. However, in environments where there are no population checks these species can cause environmental and economic damages.

To help halt the spread of invasive species Wisconsin law requires boaters prior to launching and prior to leaving the launch to inspect equipment, remove all plants and animals, drain water from equipment, and never move plants or live animals from a waterbody.

For more information about Wisconsin AIS laws please visit:

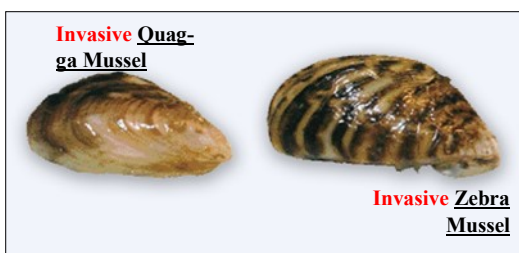
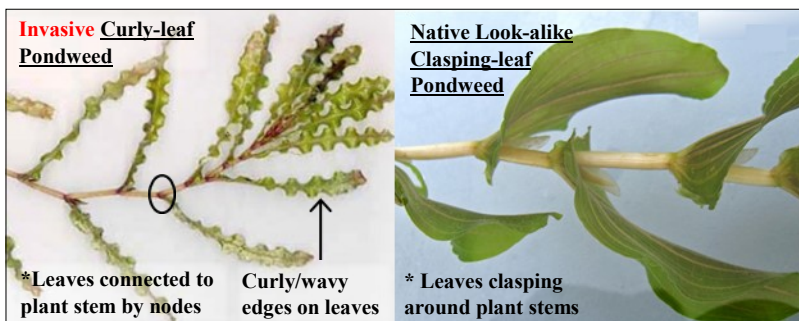
<https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/invasives/boat.html>

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Door County Invasive Species Team

Aquatic Invasive Species

Aquatic Invasive Species Currently Reported in Door County



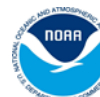
Report Findings to Door County Invasive Species Team

The Door County Invasive Species Team (DCIST) has been monitoring invasive species populations within Door County. DCIST aims to empower citizens with the information, tools and skills to help halt the spread of invasive species.

Please help prevent the spread of invasive species by cleaning equipment and reporting invasive species using the Great Lakes Early Detection Network (GLEDN) app or contact DCIST. By cleaning equipment you can help halt the spread of invasive species and by reporting invasive species you can help invasive species control efforts.

For more information on invasive species in Door County please visit:
<https://doorinvasives.org/>

To report an invasive species please use the GLEDN app or contact the DCIST coordinator at:
Phone: 920-746-5955
Email: DCIST1@gmail.com



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