

DNR urges extra precautions for Prior Lake

Boaters can help prevent further spread of zebra mussels and other invasive species by taking a few simple extra precautions:

1. Inspect and remove all visible aquatic plants, animals and mud from boats, trailers and equipment such as anchors before leaving a water access;
2. Inspect and remove all visible aquatic plants, animals or mud from docks, boat lifts and swim rafts before transporting to another water;
3. Drain all water from boats - including live wells, bilges and bait buckets - before leaving a water access;
4. Spray or rinse boats with high pressure and/or hot water, or let them dry thoroughly for five days before transporting to another water.

The DNR steps up inspections, enforcement and education around infested waters. Under Minnesota law it is a misdemeanor to transport water or prohibited invasive species from designated infested waters.