



Whitetail Lake Invasive Species Protocol

There is currently no cure for zebra mussels.

All residents must be vigilant and responsible for all forms of watercraft or equipment used in Whitetail Lake. One careless act that transfers zebra mussels into our lake will affect home values and the ability to enjoy our water going forward. Please make sure all of your residents and guests know not to bring in equipment that has been used in other waters. Guests should not bring things like skis, wake boards, bait buckets, etc. to our lake. The potential for permanent damage to our lake is too high to neglect these procedures.

When leaving any body of water... (not necessary if the boat is only being taken out of Whitetail Lake for short term service or storage and will not be placed in any other body of water):

1. Remove all plants and mud and dispose of at the lake you are leaving.
2. Drain all water from the boat (pull all plugs) and dry all areas including the motor, motor cooling system, live wells, ballast tanks, bladder, bilges and lower outboard units.
3. Wash hull, trailer, equipment, bilge and other exposed surfaces with high pressure hot water (140-155 degrees). Wipe off all rough feeling material on the surfaces of the boat, motor and trailer.
4. Dry watercraft for at least seven (7) days in warm, dry weather and up to thirty (30) days in cool, moist weather before launching into our lake. Drying must take place with the boat cover off and all compartments and plugs open. If the vessel is outside and it rains, start the day counter over.



Boat Service, Dock and Lift Vendors:

All vendors must be pre-approved or inspected before being granted boat ramp and lake access. They must follow the same invasive species protocol and inspection criteria as residents.

Used Docks and Boat Lifts:

All used docks and lifts purchased to put on our lake must be cleaned, drained and dried per the invasive species protocol, and inspected per the boat ramp gate inspection form.

Transplanting Vegetation:

No vegetation can be transplanted from any other body of water into Whitetail Lake.

You can't always see zebra mussels because their larvae are invisible to the naked eye. They can survive for days in water trapped in a boat. The only way to be sure you're not carrying zebra mussels to another body of water is to always clean, drain and dry your boat, trailer and gear. They hide in several locations as noted below.

