



Leave AIS at the Launch

Boat Launch Cleaning Stations

May 2026 Update





AIS Prevention

Top priority of Lake Associations

Only so many levers to pull

- Contract Launch Inspections
- Volunteer Inspections
- Law Enforcement
- **Education**





So why worry about AIS?

Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) are species that are not native to Minnesota and can greatly diminish the health of a lake, harm the environment and negatively impact human health.

Examples: Eurasian Watermilfoil, Starry Stonewort, Zebra Mussels, etc.

In the last 30 years:

- **54 Wright County Lakes have at least one AIS infestation**





What can we do here?

Successful Cleaning Station Program Kicked off in 2024 in Wright County

Today

1/3 of Lake Access Locations Covered

- 61 Viable Lake access points
- 16 Installed / Pending Tool Stations
- 5 CD3 Stations
- 5 County administered access points at play





What's included?

DNR Approved Sign w/Eye bolts for tools
 Tools/Hardware Bundle
 Post

Tools

Buster Wrench to remove drain plugs



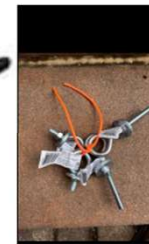
**Aqua Weed Stick (48")
 to remove weeds from
 the boat and trailer**



**20" Long Handle Brush
 to remove weeds from
 the boat and trailer**



Hardware Bundle



Grabber Tool



Cleaning Station

Clean your boat, trailer and gear.

Drain all water and keep drain plugs out during transport.

Thank you for doing your part to prevent the spread of invasive species and protecting our lakes and rivers!

FREE decontamination locations at:
mndnr.gov/decon

Please replace tools when you are finished.

Launch owner or lake association will be responsible for replacement tools.



How can you get one for your access?

- Approval from access owner (DNR sites are pre-approved)
 - Photo needed for placement
- Pay for it
 - \$150
- Someone agrees to maintain it
 - Put them out in the spring, remove and store them in the fall and keep an eye on the tools, replacing anything that is damaged or missing

Contact Alicia O'Hare at Wright County Soil and Water:

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Where is the best installation location?

That depends...

Where are boaters most likely to stop and stage their boat as they exit?

Free Standing vs Affixed to an existing sign

How much room do you have at the launch?





Thank you!

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