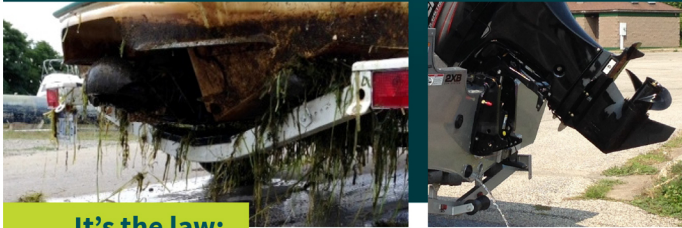


New Michigan Boating Law

Effective 2019

New requirements to stop the introduction and spread of *Aquatic Invasive Species!*



It's the law:

- ✗ **DO NOT** launch or transport watercraft or trailers unless they are free of aquatic organisms, including plants.
- ✗ **DO NOT** transport a watercraft without removing all drain plugs and draining all water from bilges, ballast tanks, and live wells.
- ✗ **DO NOT** release bait into the water.



Violation of the law is a state civil infraction. Violators may be subject to fines.

Follow these steps:

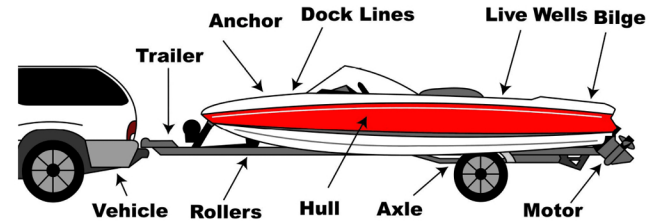
1. **CLEAN** boats, trailers and equipment.
2. **DRAIN** live wells, bilges, ballast tanks, and all water by pulling drain plugs.
3. **DRY** boats and equipment.
4. **DISPOSE** of unwanted bait in the trash.



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Prevent the spread of ecologically and economically harmful aquatic invasive species such as zebra mussels and Eurasian watermilfoil with the following simple steps:

- ✓ **CLEAN** boats, trailers and equipment and remove all mud, debris and aquatic plant material from trailers and watercraft before launching or retrieving a watercraft.
- ✓ **DRAIN** live wells, bilges, ballast tanks, and all water from boats before leaving the access site. Disinfect live wells and bilges with a bleach solution (1/2 cup bleach to 5 gallons of water) when possible.
- ✓ **DRY** all boats and equipment thoroughly before leaving an access area and prior to relaunching in a new waterbody.
- ✓ **DISPOSE** of bait in the trash. Do not release bait into the water.
- ✓ **DO NOT TRANSFER FISH** to water bodies other than where they were caught.



Inspection points on boats, trailers, and vehicles for aquatic invasive species decontamination.

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