

ATTENTION



Slipped boats on lakes with zebra mussels are likely to infest other lakes if moved without being inspected.

BEFORE MOVING A BOAT from a lake with zebra mussels, please call the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's 24/7 hotline at (512)389-4848 or email aquaticinvasives@tpwd.texas.gov so we can provide guidance and support to reduce the risk of spreading zebra mussels.

- If your boat is stored in the water, it must be fully decontaminated using hot (140 degree F), high pressure wash (e.g., boat repair shop or marine repair shop) before transport to ensure ALL zebra mussels – including those that aren't easily found – are removed.
 - This includes the boat's exterior and internal components such as the engine and other systems that take up raw water from the lake.
- The boat must also dry thoroughly to ensure all mussels are dead.
 - Dry time is 1 to 4 weeks, depending on the time of year in your area.
 - Dry time recommendations can be found in the Dry Time Estimator section at <https://www.westernais.org/moving-a-boat>.
- Moving your boat out of state? You may encounter the following in other states:
 - Mandatory aquatic invasive species boat inspection stations (covering the exterior, interior, motor, and trailer).
 - Mandatory decontamination prior to launching is likely if aquatic invasive species are detected on your boat.

PLAN AHEAD BEFORE MOVING YOUR BOAT

Headed out to another lake?

Wet-slipped boats should be decontaminated before you travel.
We know it requires additional time and cost, but decontaminating your boat protects other Texas lakes from zebra mussels.

Possession or transportation of prohibited aquatic invasive species is illegal.

For more information on regulations go to: <https://tpwd.texas.gov/regulations/outdoor-annual/fishing/general-rules-regulations/possession-and-transport-of-exotic-aquatic-species>

Report violations to (800) 792-4263

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