

BOATERS

PROTECT YOUR LAKES AND RIVERS

STOP AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES



CLEAN, DRAIN, & DRY Your Watercraft

MONTANA AIS REGULATIONS

- Stop at ALL open watercraft inspection stations as directed by signs.
- When traveling west across the Continental Divide or into the Flathead River Basin, watercraft must be inspected before launching.
 - Boats with bladders or ballast tanks, such as wakeboard or wake-surfing boats, must obtain a decontamination before launching.
- Inspections are required for all watercraft coming off Tiber reservoir. Decontamination may be required.



Once established, AIS are nearly impossible to eradicate.

PREVENTION IS OUR BEST DEFENSE AGAINST AIS!



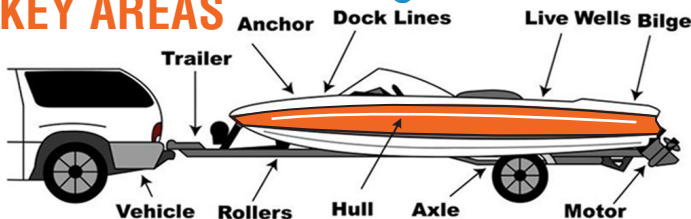
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KEY AREAS



BEFORE LEAVING THE WATER BE SURE TO:

CLEAN

- Remove mud, plants and organisms from boat, trailer and gear.
- Clean anchor, lines, live-wells and waders.
- Check rudder, hatches and cockpit.
- Clear through-hull fittings.

DRAIN

- Eliminate water from boat and equipment.
- Remove drain plugs.
- Lower motor and allow to drain.
- Drain live-wells, pumps, bilges, and ballast tanks.

DRY

- Allow time for boat and equipment to dry before your next trip.
- Open compartments and towel dry.
- Wipe bilge and live-wells dry.

DISPOSE

- Place unwanted bait in the trash, never in the water.

NEVER

- Transport water, plants, fish, or animals into a different body of water.



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