

WALWORTH COUNTY AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES UPDATE



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Winter Seasonal Update

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The Spread of Aquatic Invasive Species

It's almost ice fishing season which means ice anglers will soon be out on rivers and lakes in Wisconsin. Even though it's winter, there are still aquatic invasive species (AIS) that persist throughout winter. Starry stonewort can spread in mud when it is disturbed and brought to the surface. Invasive snails and mussels can also spread in this manner. It is important to remove mud or plants remaining on gear before leaving fishing spots on the ice.

Preventative Steps

Inspect ice fishing equipment for attached aquatic plants, animals, or mud.

Remove all attached plants or mud.

Drain all the water from buckets and containers.

Never move your live fish away from a waterbody.

Dispose of unwanted bait in the trash.



Stop the Spread of AIS!

Trout Season

With trout season approaching come January, New Zealand Mudsnaills have the highest potential to spread from one body of water to another. New Zealand Mudsnaills transport easily through mud picked up on boots, waders, and gear. To stop the spread, thoroughly clean off all equipment used by leaving gear out to freeze for 8 or more hours or soaking gear in 140 degree water.