

WALWORTH COUNTY AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES UPDATE



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Summer Seasonal Update

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The Spread of Aquatic Invasive Species

There are over 30 lakes present in Walworth County. It's important to maintain the lakes and protect them from aquatic invasive species (AIS). AIS typically spread by boaters who move from one body of water to another without properly cleaning off their boat. To help prevent the spread of AIS it is important to properly clean your boat and equipment after taking it out of the water.

Preventative Steps

Remove any visible plants, fish, animals, or mud. Immature forms of animals, such as zebra mussels, can live in mud, dirt, or sand.

Drain all water from the boat, motor, bilge, live wells, and bait wells.

Dispose of leftover bait in a trash receptacle.

Rinse your boat and all of your fishing equipment with tap water (104 degrees or higher) OR thoroughly dry your boat and fishing equipment by leaving them outside in the sun for five days before going to new waters.

Trout Season

In Walworth County this summer there were new aquatic invasive species located on lakes where they have not been found before. On Booth Lake, Asian Clams were identified by citizens in July and later confirmed by the DNR. At Turtle Creek DNR confirmed reported findings of New Zealand mud snails along the creek bed in August.



A boot cleaner has been installed at Turtle Creek to help prevent the spread of AIS.