

OPEN-WATER SEASON

Prior to coming over the International border into Manitoba watercraft and water-related equipment must be **cleaned, drained** and **dried**. You could be denied entry into Canada.

In Manitoba,

- you must be free of AIS.
- set fines for AIS offences are in effect year-round. For example, the fine for an individual depositing or releasing an AIS in Manitoba is \$2,542.
- if uncertain you have been in an aquatic invasive species invaded water body, it may be in your best interest to decontaminate everything (e.g., watercraft, motors, water-related equipment) before placing these items into a water body in Manitoba.
- drain plugs must be removed when transporting watercraft over land. The exception are plugs used in onboard kitchen or washroom facilities.

USE THIS CHECKLIST IN THE OPEN-WATER SEASON TO HELP STOP THE INTRODUCTION AND SPREAD OF AIS.

BEFORE ENTERING A WATER BODY IN MANITOBA, YOU NEED TO...

- ensure watercraft and water-related equipment are free of AIS, aquatic plants (weeds), mud and water.
- drain any residual water from the watercraft or water-related equipment on land away from the water body.
- ensure all water-related equipment (e.g., fishing gear, anchors, ropes, bait bucket) are dried completely (or decontaminated). Note: if returning to the **same** water body on the **next** trip, drying water-related equipment completely is not required.

AFTER EXITING A WATER BODY IN MANITOBA, YOU NEED TO...

- remove AIS and aquatic plants from watercraft and water-related equipment **before** leaving the shore. If you cannot remove the AIS before leaving the shore you must obtain a Transportation Authorization. Visit Manitoba.ca/StopAIS for more information.
- drain all water from the motors, bait bucket or other water holding areas **before** leaving the shore.
- open drain plugs/valves and leave them open while transporting watercraft over land.

WHEN LEAVING AN AIS CONTROL ZONE (*in addition to the exiting steps above*) YOU NEED TO...

- dispose of all bait in the trash **before** leaving the shore of an AIS Control Zone.
- decontaminate watercraft and water-related equipment before placing them into **another** water body. Note: if returning to the **same** water body on the **next** trip, decontamination is not required.

To decontaminate you can:

- visit a provincial Watercraft Inspection Station. There is no cost for this service.

OR

- self-decontaminate using the Approved Decontamination Methods (Schedule B or C) of the Aquatic Invasive Species Regulation. When self-decontaminating watercraft and water-related equipment must also be dried completely **before** they are placed into **another** water body.

NEED MORE INFORMATION? Visit: Manitoba.ca/StopAIS or call: (toll-free): 1-87-STOP AIS-0

TICKETABLE FINES FOR AIS OFFENCES ARE IN EFFECT YEAR-ROUND AND RANGE FROM \$174 TO \$2,542 (FOR INDIVIDUALS).