

Invasive species

Zebra mussels, Eurasian water milfoil, gypsy moths, multi-colored Asian lady beetles, garlic mustard and buckthorn are biological bullies – and worse.

They displace native species, disrupt ecosystems, and affect citizens' livelihoods and quality of life. They hamper boating, swimming, fishing and other water recreation, and take an economic toll on commercial, agricultural, and aquaculture resources.



Zebra mussel

These and hundreds of other plants, animals and pests from other regions and continents are invading Wisconsin lakes, rivers, forests, wetlands and grasslands.



Purple loosestrife

Keep invasive plants and animals out of Wisconsin waters!

Before leaving a boat launch please:

- Inspect for and remove all plants and animals.
- Drain all water from live wells, bilges, bait wells.
- Dispose of leftover bait in the trash.

Wisconsin law prohibits placing a boat or trailer in navigable waters with aquatic plants or zebra mussels attached.



Eurasian Milfoil