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Zebra Mussels in Lake Menomin

Menomonie, Wisconsin, 04/30/2024— The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has informed the City of Menomonie that Zebra Mussels have been found in Lake Menomin.

What are Zebra Mussels:

[Zebra mussels](#) are a small mollusk that are an invasive species in Wisconsin. They often impact plankton and algae populations in bodies of water which can harm fish populations. They avoid eating blue-green algae which can increase toxic algal blooms.



What's being done to prevent further spread:

The City of Menomonie and Wisconsin DNR are working together to prevent further spread.

- Wisconsin DNR will monitor public boat ramps
- The City of Menomonie installed a boat wash station at the Lakeside Park boat launch.
- The City of Menomonie was awarded a Wisconsin DNR grant to install a second boat wash at Point Comfort Park by 2026.

What can you do to prevent the spread of invasive species:

- **INSPECT** your boat, trailer, and equipment.
- **REMOVE** any attached aquatic plants or animals (before launching, after loading and before transporting on a public highway).
- **DRAIN** all water from boats, motors and all equipment.
- **NEVER MOVE** live fish away from a waterbody.
- **DISPOSE** of unwanted bait in the trash.
- **BUY** minnows from a Wisconsin bait dealer. Use leftover minnows only under certain conditions

To learn more about Zebra Mussels and how to prevent further spread, check out these links:

- [Invasive Species Prevention from Wisconsin DNR](#)
- [Stop Aquatic Hitch Hikers](#)
- [Clean Boats, Clean Waters Watercraft Inspection](#)