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Dear Lake Service Provider,

As you may recall, 2018 was the first season of the newly passed **Burnett and Washburn County Decontamination Ordinance** which states, “If available, boaters are required to decontaminate boats, trailers and equipment before entering and leaving a waterbody”. Decontaminating your equipment further minimizes the chances of spreading aquatic invasive species, like zebra mussel larvae that the naked eye cannot see.

To date decontamination stations are found at the following landings in Washburn and Burnett Counties:

- Mathews Lake**
- Nancy Lake**
- Spooner Lake**
- Stone Lake**
- Long (4 landings)**
- Fish Lake**
- Birch Island Lake**
- Loon-Cadotte Lake**
- North Sand Lake**
- Long Lake**
- Rooney Lake**
- Lipsett Lake**
- Little Wood Lake**
- Big, Middle, & Lower McKenzie**



With zebra mussels present in Big and Middle McKenzie Lakes, this effort helps makes boat/trailer cleaning and even more important. Moving trailers, docks, boats and boats in and out all season, is always a concern in transporting invasive species. The Land and Water

Conservation Departments continue to offer **free** disinfection equipment (bleach/1 gallon sprayer) and training on proper usage to your business. We simply ask you to spray all your boating equipment down before moving lake to lake. The bleach solution is a substantially diluted chlorine solution from household bleach. Ratio is 2 tablespoons of household bleach per 1 gallon of water. Note: once mixed, the potency diminishes after 24 hours, so you’ll need to mix a fresh batch every day.

**THANK YOU** to those who are already doing this and/or who have bought a trailer specifically for a lake you work on.

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Feel free to contact us if you are interested in receiving equipment, find something suspicious, want educational brochures, identification cards, or other aquatic invasive species information.

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*Decontaminating a boat trailer at Big McKenzie*



*Adult and juvenile zebra mussels*