



You are the best defense against **ZEBRA MUSSELS**

Protect Onota Lake's ecology and recreational offerings from these aggressive invaders

Decontaminate your boat/equipment to prevent damage from zebra mussels

Good

CURRENT LAW IN MASSACHUSETTS

- **INSPECT** boat, motor, trailer & equipment
- **REMOVE** vegetation, animals & debris
- **DRAIN WATER** from boat motor, trailer parts, live wells, bait buckets, & catch coolers. Tip boat motor to full down position to drain completely.
- **DRY** with towel or in sun for 5 days, or 2 weeks in cool and moist weather.

The "Good" method may NOT KILL or remove the invisible larval stage of the mussels.

Better

**INSPECT • REMOVE • DRAIN • DRY
DECONTAMINATE**

1. Spray with 2 Tbsp of household bleach per gallon of water. A garden sprayer is a convenient spray applicator. Use eye protection & follow label cautions.
2. After 10 minutes, spray/rinse with water.
3. Pour or spray solution into live well and bilge areas.

Effectively kills both adult & larval mussels. Easy & low cost. Must be kept away from skin, clothing & boat fabrics. Long term use may cause metal corrosion. Bleach solutions lose strength & need to mix fresh solution daily.

NEVER MIX BLEACH WITH CLEANERS OR OTHER CHEMICALS

OTHER CONTROL OPTIONS FOR SMALLER SCALE EQUIPMENT

Full strength white distilled vinegar, soak for 20 mins.
Salt solution 2/3 cup salt in 1 gallon water, soak for 24 hrs.

FOLLOW ALL SAFETY LABELS WHEN USING CHEMICALS

Best

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RINSE WITH EXTREMELY

HOT WATER > 140° F

1. Using very hot water (140° F), spray with a high-pressure washer: exterior of boat, motor, trailer, equipment.
2. Spray or pour hot water into interior sensitive areas such as live wells & bilges. Use 120° F water.

Home hot water heaters are typically set from 120 - 140° F. **140° F IS THE TEMPERATURE NEEDED TO ACHIEVE MAXIMUM KILL.**

Car Washes **DO NOT** have water that is hot enough for decontamination.

3. Very hot water may require protective gear. Access to hot water and spray equipment may be limited.

Please visit www.onotalake.com for more information on the damaging effects of zebra mussels and how to stop them from spreading.

**REMEMBER TO ALWAYS
CLEAN AWAY FROM THE SHORELINE**

**STOPPING AQUATIC
HITCHHIKERS
STARTS WITH YOU**



**Clean & Decontaminate Boats,
Motors, Trailers & Equipment
Every time you leave the lake**