

# INSPECT DRAIN

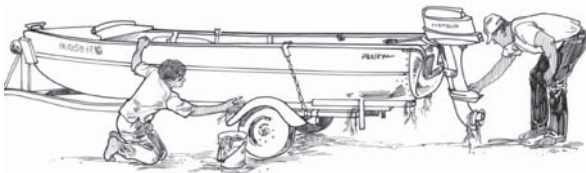
Aquatic invaders like Eurasian water milfoil and zebra mussels can threaten our community's waters and recreation.

**Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM)** is just one of several nonnative plants entering many of our lakes. Plants like EWM are most often spread when they "hitchhike" with anglers and boaters carrying small plant fragments from one lake to another. Invading plants can aggressively out-compete native vegetation and become a nuisance for swimming, boating and fishing. Fortunately, there are four simple actions you can take to prevent them from entering lakes.



Eurasian water milfoil

✓ **INSPECT** your boat, trailer, anchor and other equipment.

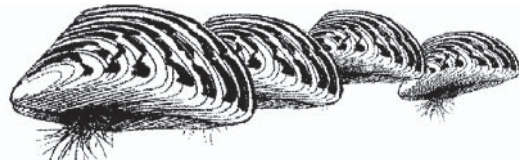


✓ **REMOVE** aquatic plants and mud before leaving the boat landing or entering a new lake.

Some invaders like immature **zebra mussels**, called "villagers", are very small and easily overlooked. Once these mussels become established, they can live on boat hulls, litter beaches and damage fish spawning areas.

✓ **DRAIN** water from your boat, motor, bilge, live wells and bait containers before leaving a lake and prior to entering on any Lake within the City of Shell Lake.

Like zebra mussels, small plant seeds, spiny water fleas, fish eggs and even fish diseases can be transported from one lake to another in your boat's live well, bait bucket or in bilge water.



Adult zebra mussels range from 1/4 to 1/2 inches long.

✓ **DISPOSE** of unwanted bait and aquatic plants in the trash. Releasing live bait and plants into a lake or along the shore often allows invasive species to become established. It is difficult to identify fish when they are very small and you can't be certain there are not invasive organisms in your bait bucket. Correct disposal is critical.

**By purchasing a City of Shell Lake boat sticker you help:**

- Sustain our boat landing inspection program.
- Maintain our boat launch sites.
- Provide a local match for grant dollars.
- Implement a rapid response program if invasive species are found.
- Monitor our lakes on a regular basis for invasive species.



Shell Lake's south bay at sunset

## Wisconsin Law

In Wisconsin it is illegal to launch a boat or trailer if you know there are aquatic plants or zebra mussels attached.

Welcome to the  
City of Shell Lake



Shell Lake boat Landing



Shell Lake Pavilion with restrooms and universally accessible pier

Thanks for helping  
protect our lake.  
Stop aquatic hitchhikers.

Shell Lake City Hall  
501 1st Street  
Shell Lake, WI 54871  
(715)468-7679  
Mon-Fri 8am - 4:30pm



# REMOVE DISPOSE





**LAKE ACCESS SITES**

**Class "A"** - This is the only access where trailered watercraft can be launched at the present time due to the Aquatic Invasive Species inspection program (AIS).

**Class "B"** - Parking with carry-in watercraft only. (currently closed to launch trailered watercraft because of AIS Program at main landing.)  
 Round Lake Access - trailered watercraft can be launched.

**Class "C"** - Boat carry-in by foot only and boats may be moored lakeside for short duration (2 hrs.) to gain land access.

**CITY PARK AND CAMPGROUND**

Restrooms, picnic area, supervised swimming area. (No watercraft in buoyed area.)  
 Watercraft can be beached for short durations north of swimming area.  
 Universally Accessible Pier (No watercraft allowed.)

**SHELL LAKE**

Surface water area - 2580 ac.  
 Shore length - 10.2 miles  
 Maximum depth - 36 feet  
 Mean depth - 23 feet  
 Game fish: musky, northern, walleye, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, panfish

**ROUND LAKE**

Surface-water area: 28.4 acres  
 Shoreline length: 1.9 miles  
 Game fish: northern, largemouth bass, panfish

Legend			
	<b>Class "A"</b>		<b>Emergent Vegetation</b>
	<b>Class "B"</b>		<b>Rocks</b>
	<b>Class "C"</b>		<b>Fish Crib</b>
	<b>City of Shell Lake</b>		

