Further information on Aquatic Invasive Species can be found by contacting:

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Aquatic Invasive Species Program 651-259-5100

www.mndnr.gov/invasives

TRAINING REGISTRATION

Pre-Registration is required

I am interested in attending the training, how can I register?

Please feel free to register online at: <a href="http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/invasives/ais\_volunteer.html">http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/invasives/ais\_volunteer.html</a>

**Date & Location** 

**April 9<sup>th</sup> Rice County Government** Services Bldg. Room 3A/3B **6:00pm-9:00pm** 

You may also register by calling: 651-259-5835 or by email: adam.doll@state.mn.us

Space is limited so don't delay!

There is no fee to attend

Thank you for your interest in protecting Minnesota Waters from Aquatic Invasive Species Rice County
Environmental Services
320 3<sup>rd</sup> Street NW
Faribault, MN 55021
507-332-6113

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# Become an Aquatic Invasive Species Volunteer



Minnesota
Department of
Natural Resources

Aquatic Invasive Species
Program

Watercraft Inspection Program Staff will train Citizens interested in informing the public about AIS and how to slow their spread.



# HELP PROTECT MINNESOTA WATERS

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Boating, fishing, and watching wildlife are traditions we enjoy and want to preserve for our children and grandchildren.

### What You Can Do

Aquatic Invasive Species cannot move across the land without help, but when given a lift they can spread almost anywhere.

To help protect Minnesota's lakes, rivers, and wetlands, I will:

- Learn to recognize aquatic invasive species
- Follow Minnesota's AIS laws and regulations
- Clean and drain my boat and equipment before I leave a water access
- Throw all unwanted bait, worms, and fish parts in the trash.
- Share your education/knowledge with others

### **How AIS harms Minnesota Waters**

Once aquatic invaders move in, they spread uncontrollably, displace native species, harm fish populations, damage habitats, impair water quality and water recreation, and cost millions to manage.

### **Course Description:**

- -Learn to recognize Aquatic Invasive Species
- Understand the impact they have on the environment
- -Understand methods to assist in prevention and how to report if there is a suspected infestation
- -Know the Law and what should and should not be done

## What are the Decontamination Actions Required By Law

### Clean

Clean visible aquatic plants, zebra mussels, and other prohibited AIS off watercraft, trailers, and water-related equipment before leaving a water access or shoreline property.

### Drain

Drain water-related equipment and drain bilge, livewell, and baitwell by removing drain plugs before leaving a water access or shoreline property.

### Dispose

Dispose of unwanted bait, including minnows, leeches, worms, and fish parts in the trash. It is illegal to release live bait into the water or on the ground.

### Make a Commitment

Over the last two decades, preventative actions have helped fight against AIS. Become part of a nationwide effort to stop the spread.

### Report Infestations

If you suspect a new infestation of an aquatic invasive plant or animal, note the exact location, take a photo or keep the specimen, and call a DNR AIS Specialist at 651-259-5100, or contact the local fisheries.

### Every Person Has a Responsibility to Help Prevent and Curb the Spread of AIS

For further information please contact:

Rice County Environmental Services 507-332-6113 or visit the website: <a href="http://www.co.rice.mn.us/aquatic-invasive-species">http://www.co.rice.mn.us/aquatic-invasive-species</a>

### Special Thanks To:

