

Lake Ripley Management District

Protect the Places You Hunt Prevent the Spread of Invasive Species

ADAPTED FROM THE WISCONSIN DNR ARTICLE "HELP STOP THE SPREAD OF AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES DURING MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTING SEASONS"

INSPECT decoys, blinds, dogs, boats, trailers, carts, vehicles, paddles and push-poles before leaving your hunting location.

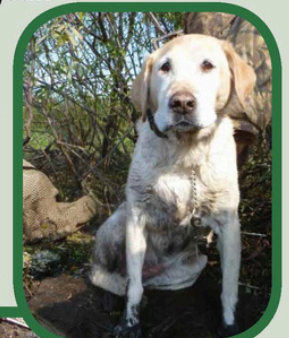


DRAIN all water from decoys, boats and other hunting equipment.



Migratory bird hunters are essential partners in preventing the spread of aquatic invasive species in hunting areas and Wisconsin's waterways. Invasives can hide in some of the most unsuspected places, including mud on your anchor that is hiding seeds, eggs, or larvae of tiny species, such as spiny water fleas. Water that collects in boats and decoys can carry diseases and insects, snails and seeds can collect under the vests of hunting dogs.

REMOVE mud, aquatic plants and animals from dogs and all hunting gear.



Just a few minutes of preventative action can protect our hunting tradition for generations to come. Before launching into and leaving a waterbody, hunters should:

- **Inspect** waders, boats, trailers, motors, and hunting equipment, including blinds and dogs.
- **Remove** all plants, animals and mud to the best of your ability. A special consideration for waterfowl hunters is to remove all seed heads and roots when using vegetation to conceal duck blinds.
- **Drain** all water from decoys, boats, motors, and other hunting equipment.
- **Never move** plants or live fish away from a waterbody.