

2017 Bucktail Lake Zebra Mussel Policy

The board of directors of Bucktail Lake met April 30, 2017, and adopted the following policy:

1. Outside boats or jet skis are not allowed on Bucktail Lake. Other aquatic devices such as paddle boards/boats and kayaks must be thoroughly inspected for zebra mussels by the lot owner.
2. Outside contractors must follow the same guidelines for all equipment that enters the water. Lot owners are responsible for this enforcement.
3. Each lot owner will be issued a dock gate key. Usage of this key places the responsibility for following the above regulations onto the lot owner. The first key will be free. Additional keys or replacement of lost keys will be issued for a fee.
4. If a boat or jet ski is removed from the lake to be worked on need to have a paper signed by the boat shop owner stating the boat or jet-ski is free of zebra mussels.

The support and cooperation of each lot owner is requested. Working together ensures that our lake will remain safe and zebra mussel free.

Each lot owner is asked to sign the Bucktail Lake Zebra Mussel Agreement. Upon return of the signed agreement, the lot owner will be issued a dock gate key.

Copy of Bucktail Lake Zebra Mussel Agreement

- I understand the devastating impacts zebra mussels can have on our lake.
- I will not bring our boat into Summerwood Resort after having been in another lake until the boat has been thoroughly dried, drained and out of the foreign body of water for at least two weeks.
- I understand that contractors (dock builders, etc.) need to adhere to these same standards, as their equipment could carry zebra mussels.
- I will do my best to make certain our household, our guests, our neighbors, and our contractors protect our lakes from zebra mussels.

Zebra Mussel Info

What are Zebra Mussels? Zebra mussels are a small, destructive invasive species that can infest lakes by hitching a ride on boats and trailers coming in from infected lakes and rivers. They grow to only about 1 ½ inches and develop a distinctive zebra-striped shell. One zebra mussel can produce up to one million microscopic larvae.

Why are Zebra Mussels a problem? Zebra mussels can cause tremendous environmental and economic damage – hurting aquatic life and damaging your boat, hindering water recreation, and even threatening our water supply. The shells are extremely sharp and make it impossible to walk on the beach with bare feet. Zebra mussels have spread to some South Dakota, Kansas, and Nebraska lakes.

How are Zebra Mussels transported? You can't always see zebra mussels because their larvae are invisible to the naked eye. They can survive for days in water trapped in a boat. The only way to be sure you're not carrying zebra mussels from another body of water to our lake is to always clean, drain, and dry your boat, jet-ski, paddleboat, trailer, gear, etc. before re-entering our lake. The best safeguard is to not travel with your boat to other lakes and rivers. However, if you do so, then these procedures must be followed:

CLEAN: Inspect and clean anything that came in contact with the water, including boats, trailers, equipment, clothing, dogs, boots, and waders, etc.

DRAIN: Drain all water from the boat, including the motor, bilge, live wells, and bait buckets.

DRY: Dry the boat and trailer for 14 days before re-entering Bucktail Lake. It is also recommended to wash it with a high-pressure washer and hot (140-degree), soapy water.



photo from Lewis and Clark Reservoir taken last fall near the Crofton golf course water system

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Date: _____ Signature: _____

Lot #: _____ Printed Name: _____