

Quagga/Zebra Mussel Prevention Policy

Since March 2009 the Lake Management Committee has spent a considerable amount of time discussing and developing policy regarding the prevention of transporting Quagga and Zebra mussels into our lake. These freshwater, bivalve mussels pose a serious threat to our lake. They have the potential of seriously damaging our water supply infrastructure (motors, pumps, pipelines, etc.). An infestation can be financially devastating for our community and can wreak havoc on your boats. **MOST IMPORTANTLY ONCE THEY INVADE OUR LAKE THEY CAN NEVER BE ERADICATED!**

What are they?

Zebra and Quagga Mussels are freshwater, bivalve mollusks that typically have a dark and white (zebra like) pattern on their shells. They have invaded our waters and pose a significant threat to our lake. They are usually about an inch or less long, but may be larger.

What can they do?

These mussels can clog up pipes, coat docks and ruin boats. In large numbers they can out-compete other filter feeders, starving them. They adhere to all hard surfaces, including the shells of turtles and crawfish. They may also increase the proportion of foul-smelling blue-green algae in the lake. They can be financially devastating to our community!

How can they get in our lake?

Mussels are transported not only by boats/trailers/watercraft, but also by fishing gear.

The Committee appreciates your cooperation and support! Please review the following policy. This policies pertains to ALL watercraft, including paddle boards and kayaks.

Watercraft Launching

- Trailer and watercraft must be in quarantine for no less than 2 weeks and no more than 4 weeks, depending on weather/season.
- Only the Association owned vehicle will be used to put in/pull out trailer/watercraft from the lake.

Removing Watercraft from the lake for any reason:

- Trailer must be in quarantine for no less than 2 weeks and no more than 4 weeks, depending on weather/season.
- Trailer must remain in quarantine on Association property (well site).

- Only the Association owned vehicle will be used to put in/pull out trailer/watercraft from the lake. Once pulled out the trailer will be unhitched in the parking lot and can then be re-hitched to the owner's vehicle.
- Upon return of watercraft, the watercraft must be placed in quarantine for no less than 2 weeks and no more than 4 weeks, depending on weather/season.

Watercraft coming from factory/store

- If the manufacturer provides a trailer, it will be placed in quarantine for no less than 2 weeks and no more than 4 weeks, depending on weather/season.
- If the manufacturer provides a trailer to be permanently stored on Association property, then the trailer must be checked in/out within the same day, by appointment only.
- Only the Association owned vehicle will be used to put in/pull out trailer/watercraft from the lake.
- If a Shores owner's watercraft is purchased from a store (i.e. kayak) proof of invoice must be shown/provided within 24 hours of purchase.

Launching/Removing watercraft must be by appointment only (Monday-Friday between the hours of 9am – 5pm)

All watercraft must be pre-registered with the Association prior to launching onto the lake. Questions regarding boat registration may be directed to the Community Relations Coordinator, at (714) 779-0657.