

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION  
ARIZONA GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT**

**DIRECTOR'S ORDER 3 – R02/23– AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES  
MANDATORY CONDITIONS ON THE MOVEMENT OF WATERCRAFT, VEHICLES,  
CONVEYANCES, OR OTHER EQUIPMENT FROM LISTED WATERS WHERE AQUATIC INVASIVE  
SPECIES ARE PRESENT, EFFECTIVE – FEBRUARY 27, 2023**

Effective February 27, 2023, the Arizona Game and Fish Department, under the authority of A.R.S. § 17-255.01(B), establishes these updated mandatory conditions for movement of watercraft, vehicles, conveyances, or other equipment necessary to abate, eradicate, or prevent the spread of listed aquatic invasive species within or from those waters or locations listed in Arizona Game and Fish Department - Director's Order 2; R02/23; 29 A.A.R. 711, March, 10, 2023.

<b>MANDATORY CONDITIONS AND PROTOCOLS FOR MOVEMENT FROM AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES LISTED WATERS/LOCATIONS</b>	
<b>Day Use</b>	<p><b>The following protocols shall be taken for watercraft, vehicles, conveyances, or other equipment (e.g., life jacket, buoys, ropes, anchor, etc.) that have been in or on waters or locations listed in Director's Order 2 for no more than five (5) consecutive days. Upon removing watercraft, vehicles, conveyances, or other equipment from any listed waters in Arizona and prior to transport:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Remove any clinging material such as plants, algae, animals, and mud from anchor, boat, motor, trailer, and all other equipment.</li><li>2. Remove all drainage plug(s) (when so equipped) and drain the water from the bilge, live-well and any other compartments that may hold water. Drain water from engine, engine compartments, and engine cooling systems. Ensure plugs and devices remain removed or open during transport.</li><li>3. Dry completely. Allow watercraft, vehicles, conveyances, or other equipment to dry completely prior to use in any other Arizona waters. For watercraft, vehicles, conveyances, or other equipment that cannot be completely drained (e.g., ballast tanks, inboard/outboard engines, etc.):<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Before using watercraft, vehicles, conveyances, or other equipment in a different water body within seven (7) or fewer days from May through October or eighteen (18) or fewer days from November through April after removing watercraft, vehicles, conveyances, or other equipment from a listed water, the Department highly recommends the owner/operator contact the Department 's Aquatic Invasive Species program to schedule an inspection to determine whether decontamination of watercraft, vehicles, conveyances, or other equipment is necessary.</li><li>b. Prior to transporting watercraft, vehicles, conveyances, or other equipment, the authorized employee or certified agent conducting the inspection/decontamination shall issue a seal and inspection receipt to the owner/operator as proof of inspection and/or decontamination and submit a record of the inspection and/or decontamination to the Department.</li></ol></li><li>4. If suspected or documented aquatic invasive species are found on watercraft, vehicles, conveyances, or other equipment in the State of Arizona, an authorized employee or certified agent is required to inspect the watercraft, vehicles, conveyances, or other equipment and may</li></ol>

	order the owner/operator to decontaminate or cause to be decontaminated such watercraft, vehicle, conveyance, or equipment prior to transport.
<b>Long Term Use</b>	<p><b>The following protocols shall be taken for any watercraft, vehicles, conveyances, or other equipment that have been in or on waters or locations listed in Director's Order 2 for six (6) or more consecutive days. Upon removing watercraft, vehicles, conveyances, or other equipment from any listed waters in Arizona and prior to transport:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Contact the Department's Aquatic Invasive Species Program at (623) 236-7608 or an authorized agent prior to departure (recommended at least 72 hours in advance) to schedule an inspection and, if required, decontamination.</li> <li>2. Remove any clinging material such as plants, algae, animals, and mud from anchor, boat, motor, trailer, and all other equipment.</li> <li>3. Remove all drainage plug(s) (when so equipped) and drain the water from the bilge, live-well and any other compartments that may hold water. Drain water from engine, engine compartments, and engine cooling systems. Ensure plugs and devices remain removed or open during transport.</li> <li>4. Dry completely. Keep watercraft, vehicles, conveyances, or other equipment out of water and completely dry, including bilge, through hull fittings, and engine, for no less than: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Eighteen (18) consecutive days during the months of November through April, and</li> <li>b. Seven (7) consecutive days during the months of May through October.</li> </ol> </li> <li>5. After an inspection has occurred and prior to transporting watercraft, vehicles, conveyances, or other equipment, an authorized employee or certified agent conducting the inspection shall issue a seal and inspection receipt to the owner/operator as proof of inspection and/or decontamination and submit a record of the inspection and/or decontamination to the Department.</li> </ol>

<b>MANDATORY PROTOCOLS FOR OTHER EQUIPMENT (NON-WATERCRAFT) REMOVED FROM AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES LISTED WATERS/LOCATIONS</b>	
<b>Equipment, including but not limited to: waders, boots, nets, tackle,</b>	<p><b>The following protocols shall be taken for any equipment that has been in or on waters or locations listed in Director's Order 2:</b></p> <p>Inspect and thoroughly clean the equipment. Remove any visible plants, algae, animals, and mud and disinfect the equipment using any one or more of the following decontamination methods:</p> <p>Option 1. Submerge equipment in a mixture of water and quaternary ammonium based cleaner (6 oz quaternary ammonium per one gallon of water) for 20 minutes.</p> <p>Option 2. Soak equipment in 140° F water for 10 minutes.</p> <p>Option 3. Freeze equipment overnight.</p> <p>Option 4. Completely dry equipment for at least 7 consecutive days from May through October or 18 consecutive days from November through April.</p>

1. A.R.S. 17-255.01(C)(1); Watercraft, vehicles, conveyances, or other equipment are subject to inspection upon entry into this state, during overland transport within this state, or upon departure from any water or location listed in Arizona Game and Fish Department - Director's Order 2, effective February 27, 2023.
2. A.R.S. 17-255.01(C)(3); A person departing from any water or location listed in Director's Order 2 may be

required to decontaminate watercraft, vehicles, conveyances, or other equipment in the manner required by Order.

3. A.R.S. 17-255.01(C)(3); Authorized agents may perform inspections and decontaminations at Department authorized locations on behalf of the Arizona Game and Fish Department. An authorized agent must possess a current, valid Watercraft Inspection and Decontamination Certification from Arizona Game and Fish Department to be authorized by the Department. For the purposes of this Order, "decontamination" is defined in the Uniform Minimum Standards and Protocols for Watercraft Inspection and Decontamination, version III available on the Arizona Game and Fish Department website.
4. A.R.S. 17-255.02(1); A person shall not possess, import, ship, or transport into or within the State of Arizona Aquatic Invasive Species listed under Arizona Game and Fish Department - Director's Order 1, effective February 27, 2023; R02/23; 29 A.A.R. 711, March, 10, 2023.
5. A.R.S. 17-255.02(2); A person shall not release, place or plant an aquatic invasive species identified in Arizona Game and Fish Department – Director's Order 1, effective February 27, 2023, into waters of this state or into any water treatment facility, water supply or water transportation facility, device or mechanism.
6. A.R.S. 17-255.02(3); A person shall not place in any waters of this state any equipment, watercraft, vessel, vehicle or conveyance that has been in any water or location listed in Arizona Game and Fish Department-Director's Order 2, effective February 27, 2023.
7. A. R. S. 17-255.02(4); A person shall not sell, purchase, barter or exchange an aquatic invasive species identified in Arizona Game and Fish Department – Director's Order 1, effective February 27, 2023.

The name and address of agency personnel with whom persons may communicate regarding this Order:

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