

Zebra Mussels

What are they and how do they affect the environment?

Zebra mussels are a small, destructive invasive species that can spread across Texas by hitching a ride on boats and trailers. They grow to only about 1.5 inches and develop a distinctive zebra-striped shell. One zebra mussel can produce up to one million microscopic larvae. Zebra mussels can cause tremendous environmental and economic damage – hurting aquatic life, damaging your boat, hindering water recreation and even threatening your water supply by plugging up water intake pipes.

ZEBRA MUSSELS INFESTED 7 TEXAS LAKES IN JUST 5 YEARS.

DON'T BE A CARRIER - CLEAN, DRAIN AND DRY.

Map of Texas showing infested lakes: Texoma (2009), Bridgeport (2013), Ray Roberts (2012), Lewisville (2013), Lavon (2013), Waco (2014), and Belton (2013).



Zebra mussels are currently in the following lakes: Texoma, Ray Roberts, Lewisville, Bridgeport, Eagle Mountain, Lavon, Waco and Belton. They have also been found on isolated occasions in the Red River below Texoma, the Elm Fork of the Trinity River below Ray Roberts, Sister Grove Creek, and a boat with zebra mussels attached was found in Ray Hubbard.

CLEAN

Clean your boat, trailer and gear with a high pressure spray and soap. Remove and clean objects inside the boat.

DRAIN

Drain all water from the boat, including the motor, bilge, live wells and bait buckets, before leaving the lake.

DRY

Dry the boat and trailer for a week or more before entering another water body.

