

Reminder:
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Help Keep Our Great Lakes Healthy.

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Take these simple precautions:

1. Thoroughly clean and dry all fishing and boating equipment, including bait buckets, boots, boats, and trailers, before using them in a new body of water.
2. Empty all water from boats, buckets, bilges and other equipment before transporting to another body of water.
3. Remove all mud, plants and aquatic life from equipment before transporting it.
4. Do not move fish or plants from one body of water to another.
5. Buy your bait from reputable bait dealers and dispose of any unused bait in a secure trash area away from the water.



There's a lot on the line. Learn more at:

www.FocusOnFishHealth.org



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