

CHAPTER TWENTY-ONE-Section 21.06
LMOA INVASIVE SPECIES PREVENTION PROGRAM

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I. Policy

It shall be the policy of LMOA that no equipment, vehicle, watercraft, trailer or water related accessories that have been in another body of water, will be allowed into the lake, tributaries and drainage areas of Lake Monticello unless it has been cleaned, stored in dry quarantine as described below, and attested to as outlined in the compliance procedures of this policy.

II. Purpose

Invasive species are any species that have been introduced to an environment where it is not native and that have since become a nuisance through rapid spread and increase in numbers, often to the detriment of native species. While there are many invasive species that present a potential threat to the Lake Monticello community, the most serious is thought to be Zebra Mussels. They present a potentially devastating economic threat by interfering with recreational use of the lake; altering the lake's ecosystem, killing fish, plants, and crustaceans in the lake; fouling of beaches and clogging marine equipment. Once Zebra Mussels infest a lake, it is virtually impossible to purge the water body of these organisms. The best action to take against infestation of Zebra Mussels is to prevent them from entering the lake. While Zebra Mussels are visible the larvae are microscopic therefore cleaning boat equipment and related water accessories will also reduce the likelihood of introducing Zebra Mussels as well as other invasive species.

III. Responsibility

It shall be the responsibility of the General Manager or designee to implement and to enforce the LMOA Invasive Species Prevention Program.

IV. Program Contents

The LMOA Invasive Species Prevention Program shall consist of, at a minimum, three parts, a community education program, compliance procedures, and an enforcement program.

A. Community Education Program

LMOA in conjunction with Lake Health Education Group, Lake Health Manager, and the Lake Preservation Committee shall develop and disseminate materials to inform the community of the impacts invasive species can have on Lake Monticello. These materials will include but are not limited to the Friday Flyer Articles, LMOA News Articles, LMOA local TV channel programming, brochures, and signs posted at all launch ramps, beaches, and entry gates to the community. Furthermore, these materials will inform the community of compliance procedures for the lake community in order to keep the lake free of unwanted species.

B. Compliance Procedures

1. When registering boats at Lake Monticello according to Policy 6.05 Boats, Marina and Boat Slips, all boat owners/operators and guests will:
 - a. Be required to read the invasive species brochure, Zebra Mussels.
 - b. Agree to clean their boats and accessories if paragraph 2 is applicable.

2. All residents and/or guests entering or re-entering with equipment, vehicle, watercraft, trailer or water related accessories that have been in another body of water must follow the procedures described in paragraph 3 below before entering the lake, tributaries or drainage areas of Lake Monticello.
3. Until an approved wash station or other technology is available, the following procedures apply:
 - a. All boats, trailers, and water related accessories that have been in foreign waters should, as a precaution, be washed with soap and water and dried for 48 hours.
 - b. If Zebra Mussels are visible, they must be scraped off, crushed and placed into a trash container. Then, the water craft, trailer and accessories will be quarantined. The dry quarantine period is dependent upon average daily temperatures and humidity for Lake Monticello.
 - i. 7 days during the months of June through September
 - ii. 12 days for May
 - iii. 19 days for April and October
 - iv. 29 days for February, March, and November
 - v. 46 days for January and December

C. LMOA Enforcement Program

This program shall ensure that only clean equipment, vehicles, watercraft, trailers, and water related accessories are allowed entry into the community waters and watershed. The General Manager or his designee shall take the actions necessary to ensure that Policy 6.05 Boats, Marina and Boat Slips is being met and that individuals placing items into Lake Monticello waters and watershed can attest to the policy compliance.

Operational programs/procedures shall be established and enforced to verify to the cleanliness of equipment, vehicles, watercraft, and water related accessories so that those who do not meet the intent of the policy are denied access to the lake and its watershed.