

2012 Update

Mandatory Actions for Lake Service Providers (LSP)



It is now mandatory in Minnesota that Lake Service Providers (LSP) obtain a permit from the MN DNR before providing any services.

By definition, service providers are individuals or businesses hired to install or remove water-related equipment or structures from waters of the state.

- All LSP business owners are required to attend a workshop and pass an exam before they may obtain a permit.
- All employees that work for an LSP will be required to take an online course and receive a certificate of completion.
- Business owners and employees will be required to have their permit and certificate of completion accessible at all times while providing services.

Minnesota Waters and the DNR will disseminate all workshop and permit information to all state-wide media.

By attending the workshops, LSPs will learn up-to-date information on regional AIS infestations; learn the regulations that apply to moving boats, docks, lifts and equipment; discuss best strategies to remove AIS; and to learn how one can work with the DNR, Minnesota Waters and regional lake associations to prevent the spread of AIS.

ACTION: Please Help Identify all of the Lake Service Providers in our State!

You are part of the action plan! Help make sure that your local businesses are trained and permitted before ice out of 2012 by taking a few simple steps to spread the word:

- Send us contact information for the Lake Service Provider you use or know about
- Post a notice in your lake or river association newsletter
- Be prepared to forward information about the LSP workshops to your email contacts when available (schedule and details to be released before year's end)

More information about the workshops will soon be available at www.minnesotawaters.org. Please contact Carrie Maurer-Ackerman, Program Director at carriea@minnesotawaters.org for more information.

