



Protect Where We Play


Saturday, May 17– Friday, May 23


Pre-Made Posts with Suggested Images:


Post 1: How Invasive Species Impact Natural Spaces

 **Invasive species threaten the places we love to explore.**


They damage forests, clog waterways, and even shut down our favourite lakes.

 Forest pests kill trees and increase wildfire risk

 Aquatic invasives choke out native fish and habitat


 Parasites like whirling disease have closed lakes to the public

Our choices while recreating can help spread them. That's why it's so important to use our outdoor spaces responsibly.





 Follow along this week for easy ways to protect Canada's forests and waters.

#NISAM2025 #InvasiveSpecies #SmallActionsBigImpact

Post 2: Clean, Drain, Dry

 **Love swimming, fishing, or boating?** So do we! But aquatic invasive species, like Zebra Mussels, can hitch a ride on boats, gear, and even bait—spreading silently between lakes and rivers.


Here are a few small actions that make a BIG difference:

-  **Clean, drain, and dry** your boat, trailer, and gear between waterbodies
-  **Never release** fish, plants, or animals into new waters
-  **Properly dispose** of live bait
-  **Learn to identify and report** aquatic invaders






Together, we can help keep Canada's waterways clean, healthy, and invasive-free.

#NISAM2025 #CleanDrainDry #SmallActionsBigImpact

Post 3: Buy Local, Burn Local

 **Invasive species, climate change, and wildfires are threatening Canada's forests.**

But even in the face of these big challenges, our **small actions** can help protect our woodlands.

-  **Buy Local, Burn Local** – never move firewood and burn it where you buy it
-  Use park-designated firewood drop-offs or purchase locally sourced bundles
-  Always look for the “**kiln-dried**” stamp when buying firewood
-  Follow local fire bans and restrictions
-  Learn to spot and report forest pests and their egg masses

Every action counts in keeping our forests healthy and resilient.

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[Image Suggestions: Campers, tents, campfires, boots on trails, paddlers, boat washes, firewood piles, lakes, forests, Zebra Mussels or other AIS, Emerald Ash Borer or other invasive forest pest, dead trees, boat on a boat ramp.]