

DO YOU OWN A MOSS BALL?

If so, DO NOT...



Don't release your aquarium critters or plants into the wild by dumping them in a river or lake.



Don't dump the tank water in the toilet, down the sink or in the sewer system.

What?

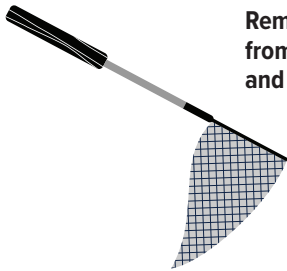
Moss balls are a popular plant choice for aquariums and decorative displays. But they also can be carriers of zebra mussels, which if detected in Wyoming's waters, could have catastrophic impacts to the water, the biodiversity of the area, recreation, municipalities and water users.

Why?

Moss balls have been found to contain an invasive mussel that would be catastrophic to Wyoming waters. If you have purchased a moss ball, please see instructions below on how to safely dispose of the ball and any water it came in contact with.

If you have a moss ball, please follow these steps to keep Wyoming's waters free of zebra mussels.

STEP 1



Remove any pets from the water and tank.

STEP 2



Remove the moss ball, other plants and any water from the aquarium and put them into a heat-safe pot. Do not dispose of any water down the drain or toilet.

STEP 3



Inspect the moss ball and tank for zebra mussels and if you find any contact your local Game and Fish regional office.

STEP 4



Boil the moss balls, plants and any water it's been in contact with for at least five minutes.

STEP 5



Dispose of the moss ball and other plants in trash.

STEP 6



Pour out the boiled water on a semi-permeable surface. That could be a houseplant or outside — like grass or soil — that is not located near standing water or a storm drain.

Anyone who finds zebra mussels in their tank should call the local Game and Fish regional office so a representative can collect the sample.