



VILLAGE OF TWIN LAKES

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2015 Pier / Wharf - Water Permit Application Process

Please read the below information as well as the enclosed *Permit Information Packet* carefully and fill out the appropriate application if you will have a pier or wharf beyond 100 feet of the shoreline this year.

The Village of Twin Lakes Municipal Code Chapter 8.36 requires piers beyond 100 feet of the shoreline to have an annual Village of Twin Lakes Water Way Permit. The pier or wharf must be within the lot lines of the riparian owner. All piers or wharves and their supports and must either be completely removed from the water by December 1st of each year, or must remain completely intact in the water through the winter months. If left in the water after December 1st, the pier or wharf must be marked by readily visible red reflectors at least three (3) inches in diameter, spaced at intervals of no less than three (3) feet, facing the water and affixed to the sides and ends of the pier or wharf to give a warning to other users of the lake. If a pier is removed from the water, it must be completely removed. If a pier remains in the water it cannot be left in a partially dismantled state.

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) also regulates piers and wharves. Please visit www.dnr.wi.gov for important regulatory information and to determine if you also need a DNR *individual permit*. The DNR *individual permit application* can also be obtained at www.dnr.wi.gov.

Please note that the regulations listed in this document and in the *Permit Information Packet* are not comprehensive. For more information on regulations, refer to Wisconsin Statutes Chapter 30, available at www.docs.legis.wisconsin.gov. Applicable Wisconsin Statutes include 30.12, 30.13 and Chapter NR 326 Wisconsin Administrative Code. Also visit www.dnr.wi.gov for DNR regulations and www.villageoftwinlakes.net for Municipal Code information.

The *Permit Information Packet* also contains information regarding other items that require Water Way Permits. If you are also going to be using any of these items this year, please pick up the appropriate application at the Twin Lakes Village Hall.

To receive approval from the Village, please follow the steps below:

- 1.) Submit the enclosed *2015 Pier/Wharf Application Form* and the appropriate fee to the Twin Lakes Village Hall for approval: P O Box 1024 Twin Lakes, WI 53181.
- 2.) Once approved by the Police Chief and Village Board, you will be mailed a Water Way Permit Sticker to place on your pier or wharf.
- 3.) Place the Water Way Permit Sticker on the pier or wharf before placing it in the water. This will alert Water Patrol that the pier or wharf has been approved.
- 4.) Place your street address on your pier or wharf. This will enable the Twin Lakes Water Patrol to assist you in case of an emergency. Please make sure the address is readable from a distance and easily

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locatable. The address must include street numbers and the street name (Ex: 5000 ANYWHERE STREET).

Please Note: Water Patrol will tag buoys not in compliance with Village Code, DNR regulations, and Wisconsin Statutes with a thirty (30) day notice to either remove the buoy or comply with the regulations. Failure to comply will result in the issuance of a citation.

***Important- Please read the Permit Information Sheet for additional information.**