



*****IMPORTANT INFORMATION - PLEASE READ*****

2023 Water Way Permit Information Packet

Procedures for obtaining a permit for

**Boat Mooring Buoys, Marker Buoys, Piers/Wharves, and
Rafts/Platforms**

Fees: *All fees are due upon application and are non-refundable*

- Renewal Sticker Fee (only if renewing from previous year): \$10.00
- Initial Sticker Fee: \$15.00

A separate application is required for each request and must be accompanied by the required fee. **The Village does not keep prior sketches** of the location of items from previous applications. Approved items may be placed in the water AFTER the Waterway Permit Sticker has been received.

Any obstruction of navigation or the fencing off of a given area of public water for the benefit of an individual or of a limited group will not be approved. Items placed in an unreasonable manner could be in violation of statutes prohibiting obstruction in navigable waters or of the state's rights as trustee under the "Trust Doctrine" in the navigable waters of Wisconsin. Items placed without local government approval and in violation of State Statute requirements or the Department of Natural Resources will be ordered to be removed in accordance with law.

If you are a riparian owner by virtue of a recorded easement dated before December 31, 1986, a copy of the recorded easement must accompany the Application. See State Statute Chapter 30.131(a) for an explanation. Approval depends on whether or not the placement of the object infringes upon the rights of other riparian owners and/or the public. Individual or group riparian owners do not have unlimited rights and the issuance of some permits may be denied in order to ensure the protection of the public's rights to navigation.

All boat mooring buoys, waterway markers, regulatory markers, and aids to navigation must conform to the requirements of WI DNR Chapter NR 5 and must have affixed to them, the last seven (7) digits of your parcel number. These numbers must be located at least twelve (12) inches above the water line and must face the center of the lake. The riparian owner must purchase and apply these numbers. Water Patrol will inspect for properly applied numbers.

NOTICE: *Boat mooring buoys, marker buoys, piers/wharves, or rafts/platforms can only be approved for placement if the Applicant is current on all monies due the Village in accordance with **Twin Lakes Municipal Code: Section 2.78.010***

References: **Twin Lakes Municipal Code:** Sections 8.36.150; 8.36.140, 8.36.120. WI State Statutes – Chapter 30; Piers 30.772

IMPORTANT: The following pages list items that need a permit from the Village of Twin Lakes. You will also find general regulations for each of these items. Please note that that the regulations listed on the following pages are not comprehensive. For more information on regulations, refer to Wisconsin Statutes Chapter 30, available at www.docs.legis.wisconsin.gov. Also visit the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources website: www.dnr.wi.gov. For information regarding Village of Twin Lakes Boating and Water Code, visit www.villageoftwinlakes.net.

Items That Require a Permit

Boat Mooring Buoys-

- A mooring buoy floats in water and is anchored away from the shoreline. Boats can be moored to it in deeper water. All mooring buoys require a Twin Lakes Water Way Permit, regardless of location.
- If the boat mooring buoy is within 150 feet of the shoreline, only Village approval and a Twin Lakes Water Way Permit Sticker are required. The Twin Lakes 2023 Mooring Buoy Application is available at the Twin Lakes Village Hall. The buoy and the attached boat must stay within 150 feet of the shoreline and not swing out of the Riparian Zone. Buoys must be removed from the water by Dec. 1 of each year.



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- If the buoy is more than 150 feet from the shoreline, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and Village approval are required. A Twin Lakes Water Way Permit Sticker is required. See the Twin Lakes *Marker Buoy Application* for details.
- Only riparian owners are permitted to have mooring buoys. Only one (1) permit will be issued for the lake frontage of each riparian owner. Only one boat can be attached to the mooring.
- The buoy and the attached boat must stay within 150 feet of the shoreline and not swing out of the Riparian Zone.
- Any boat moored more than 150 feet from the shoreline is required to be lighted from sunset to sunrise by a white light visible all around the horizon. This applies to boats that have moorings within 150 feet of shore that can drift or extend beyond 150 feet of the shoreline. Please see Wisconsin Statutes 30.772 and 30.61 for these regulations.
- Boat mooring buoys must comply with Village Code Chapter 8.36, WI DNR NR 5 Regulations, and Wisconsin Statutes Chapter 30. For more information, please visit www.docs.legis.wisconsin.gov, www.dnr.wi.gov, and www.villageoftwinlakes.net.
- The buoy number is the last seven (7) digits of your parcel number and must be on the buoy at least 12 inches above the waterline.



Mooring buoys that follow DNR Regulations should:

1. Be 18 inches above the waterline
2. Be white in color with a blue band clearly visible above the waterline
3. Be spherical or ovate in shape

- 4. Have the buoy number on them (last seven (7) digits of your parcel #).

Waterway Marker Buoys-

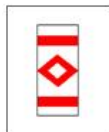
- All marker buoys require both Twin Lakes and Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) approval and must have a Twin Lakes Water Way Permit Sticker affixed to them.
- Marker buoys must comply with **WI DNR NR 5 Regulations**.
- DNR application form 8700-058 must be filled out along with the Village of Twin Lakes *2023 Marker Buoy Application*. The Twin Lakes Application is available at the Twin Lakes Village Hall. DNR form 8700-058 can be obtained at www.dnr.wi.gov.
- Complete and submit these forms along with the appropriate fee to the Twin Lakes Village Hall for approval.
- When the Application is approved by the Police Chief and Village Board, it will be forwarded to the DNR.
- Upon DNR approval, DNR will send you the final approved copy. Forward this copy to the Twin Lakes Village Hall and a Waterway Permit sticker will be mailed to you.
- All regulatory buoys are white with a single orange band at the top and bottom of the exposed buoy. The control symbol is spaced between these bands and is also orange in color. Letters or numerals used with regulatory markers must be black, in block characters of good proportion, spaced in a manner that will provide maximum legibility, and of a size that will provide the necessary degree of visibility. All other types of waterway marker buoys will not be allowed. Buoys must be removed from the water by Dec. 1.
- To be fully informed about marker buoys for your safety and the safety of others, it is important that you review WI DNR NR 5.09 (www.docs.legis.wisconsin.gov and/or www.dnr.wi.gov) , Wisconsin Statutes Chapter 30, and the Village of Twin Lakes Municipal Code Chapter 8.36 (www.villageoftwinlakes.net).

Regulatory

Buoys:



BOATS KEEP OUT: This buoy is signified by a cross in the center of an open diamond. Boats Keep Out buoys mark areas where vessel operation is prohibited. Typical areas for these buoys are swim beaches and dams.

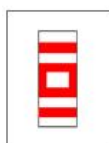


DANGER: This buoy is signified by an open diamond. Danger buoys mark areas that are hazardous to vessel operation. Typical areas for these buoys are submerged rocks or shoals.



CONTROLLED AREA: This buoy is signified by an open circle. Control buoys mark areas where vessel speed or wake is controlled for safety purposes. Some control buoys may limit water skiing or other activities. Typical areas for these buoys are around boat launches and other congested areas.

“ NOTE: "Slow-no-wake" is a common message on controlled area buoys. Slow-no-wake means that speed at which a boat moves as slowly as possible while still maintaining steerage control.



INFORMATIONAL: This buoy is signified by an open rectangle. Informational buoys convey messages other than danger, control or restriction, which may contribute to health, safety or well-being.

Aids to Navigation:



RED BUOY (NUN): Marks the right side of the channel when travelling upstream.



GREEN BUOY (CAN): Marks the left side of the channel when travelling upstream.



BLACK & WHITE VERTICAL STRIPES: Marks the center of the channel. Pass closely on either side.

Piers/Wharves-

- A Twin Lakes Water Way Permit is required if the pier extends more than 100 feet from the shoreline. The pier must be within the riparian lines of the owner's parcel. If the pier is less than 100 feet from the shoreline, a Twin Lakes Water Way Permit is not required.
- The *2023 Pier/Wharf Permit Application* must be completed and sent to the Twin Lakes Village Hall with the appropriate fee. The application is available at the Twin Lakes Village Hall.
- The Police Chief and Village Board will review the application
- Upon approval, a Water Way Permit Sticker will be mailed to you.
- The DNR also regulates piers and wharves, please visit www.dnr.wi.gov to see if you need a DNR individual permit in addition to a Village of Twin Lakes permit. The DNR individual permit can be found at www.dnr.wi.gov.
- 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 can be easily located. The address must include street numbers and the street name (Ex: 5000 ANYWHERE STREET).
- 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.
- For more information on regulations, refer to Wisconsin Statutes Chapter 30 available at www.docs.legis.wisconsin.gov. Applicable Wisconsin Statutes include 30.12 and 30.13 and Chapter NR 326 from Wisconsin Administrative Code.



Rafts/Platforms-

- A Twin Lakes Water Way Permit is required if the raft or platform is more than 50 feet from the shoreline. The raft must be within the riparian lines of the owner's parcel. Please note that if you have a water trampoline, a permit is required if it will be beyond 50 feet of shore AND will be left out overnight. The trampoline must comply with all regulations. *2023 Raft/Platform Applications* are available at the Twin Lakes Village Hall.
- Twin Lakes Municipal Code Chapter 8.36 requires that at least eighteen (18) inches of freeboard must extend above the waterline. The raft or platform must be painted white.
- Red reflectors at least three (3) inches in diameter must be attached to the raft/platform no more than twelve (12) inches from each corner or projection. If the raft is rubber or if you have a trampoline, reflective tape must be applied for safety.
- The DNR also regulates rafts and platforms. Please visit www.dnr.wi.gov to see if you need a DNR individual permit in addition to a Village of Twin Lakes permit. The DNR individual permit can be found at www.dnr.wi.gov.
- For more information regarding regulations, refer to Wisconsin Statutes Chapter 30. Relevant statutes include 30.12(1)(g), 30.13(1)(m), 30.61(6)(a), and Chapter NR 326 of Wisconsin Administrative Code. These Statutes can be found at www.docs.legis.wisconsin.gov.

