

2024 Lake Alerts

Monday, March 18, 2024, It's time to renew your watercraft permit.

Spartanburg Water System has established a specific watercraft permitting fee structure for both Lake Bowen and Lake Blalock, as well as guidelines for the specific watercraft allowed on each reservoir. Please note that no watercraft of any kind is allowed for permitting on Municipal Reservoir #1. Permits can be purchased for seasonal or daily use, and fees are based on horsepower and residence. Current permit owners should receive their permit renewal in the mail the week of March 18-23.

For new watercraft:

Any new watercraft - or watercraft that have undergone mechanical changes by adding a new or modified motor - must be inspected by a Lake Warden in person before a permit is issued:

- Inspections take place at the Wardens' Offices and cannot be performed on the water.

- Inspections will cover necessary checks for horsepower and motor restrictions, as well as equipment required by state law to be on board.

By going to our Watercraft Permits webpage here, you can find all the information you need about permits:

- "Frequently Asked Questions" About Our Updated Watercraft Permit Fees
- Summary of boat permitting and fees, including non-powered watercraft such as kayaks.
- Placement of permits.
- State boating registration from SCDNR.
- SCDNR Boating Laws and Responsibilities.

To purchase a watercraft permit for the first time at either reservoir or for questions:

Lake Bowen Warden's Office - (864) 592-2240

Lake Blalock Warden's Office - (864) 578-5442

Tuesday, February 13, 2024, Highway 9 Tree Trimming.

The vegetation along the Hwy. 9 causeway and in an adjoining area of our Lake Bowen Park has become overgrown. To remedy this, a contractor will begin trimming trees beginning Friday, February 16, and lasting approximately 2 weeks, weather permitting.

There will be some traffic control during the process to ensure safety, but it should not pose an issue for overall traffic flow over the causeway.

Moving forward, we plan to keep a regular schedule of maintenance to prevent future overgrowth.

Friday, January 12, 2024, Lake Blalock Park (1925 Sandy Ford Rd., Chesnee) has been re-opened.

Lake Blalock Park (1925 Sandy Ford Rd., Chesnee) has been re-opened today, January 12.

Please continue to exercise caution while using watercraft, as there could be debris that remains under the surface of the water.

Thursday, January 11, 2024, Lake Blalock Park (1925 Sandy Ford Rd., Chesnee) will again be closed.

Lake Blalock Park (1925 Sandy Ford Rd., Chesnee) will again be closed today, January 11, as a safety precaution. A large amount of debris in the lake remains in the lake, and poses a danger to watercraft.

If you have any questions or are in need of assistance, please contact our Lake Wardens and Watershed Staff at (864) 592-2240.

Wednesday, January 10, 2024, Rain and wind events require Lake Blalock Park (1925 Sandy Ford Rd., Chesnee) to be closed today.

Following yesterday's rain and wind events, Lake Blalock Park (1925 Sandy Ford Rd., Chesnee) will be closed today, January 10, as a safety precaution. High water levels and a large amount of debris in the lake pose a danger to watercraft.

Lake residents are reminded to ensure their watercraft are well secured, as the current conditions can cause them to break loose.