

Healthy Lakes

VOLUME 7, ISSUE 1

News and information
brought to you by Spartanburg Water.

QUESTIONS: (864) 592-2240
spartanburgwater.org/healthylakes
USE HASHTAG: #healthylakes



Watercraft Permit Renewals Begin March 15

If you have previously purchased a watercraft permit, please look for a permit renewal in the mail beginning March 15

After reviewing your form, if no changes are required, please send us the signed form along with a check or money order for the permit fee.

If changes are needed or if this is your first time permitting a watercraft, please visit our Lake Bowen Office (8515 Hwy. 9, Inman) or Lake Blalock Office (1925 Sandy Ford Rd., Chesnee) for assistance. Our watershed team is more than happy to assist you at both locations from 7:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. daily.

Watercraft permits are available for

both seasonal and daily use, and fees are assessed based on your county or state of residence. To view a full list of permit pricing and requirements, please visit our website www.spartanburgwater.org.

As a reminder, if you have purchased a non-powered watercraft permit in the past year, these permits are a one-time fee and do not need to be renewed annually.

Please remember, a current permit sticker must be purchased and properly placed on your vessel. Watercraft without valid permits are not allowed on the lakes.

Permits are good through March 31 the following year. For boat permit renewal questions, please contact the Lake Bowen Office at: (864) 592-2240 or the Lake Blalock Office at: (864) 578-5442.

Lake Alerts:

Stay Informed and Now By Text!

Spartanburg Water Lake Alerts provide important news and information for our lake residents and boat permit holders through e-mail – and now through text messages!

Whether safety information, weather and boating updates or anything else pertaining to our three reservoirs, join your neighbors by staying informed.

To sign-up, visit www.spartanburgwater.org/lakealerts. After sign-up, you will receive a separate e-mail asking if you would like to opt-in to receiving messages via text as well. If you are already subscribed with your e-mail address, be on the lookout for an e-mail that will offer you the opportunity to also opt-in to receiving text messages.

For questions regarding your subscription, please contact our Communications Manager, Jennifer Candler, at (864) 580-5693 or by e-mail – jcandler@spartanburgwater.org.



Lake Drawdown - Update

As we shared in our previous issue of Healthy Lakes, the first annual lake drawdown attempt began at the beginning of December. Our hope was to bring the levels of both Lake Bowen and Lake Blalock down approximately 3 ft.

With the wet weather patterns we have experienced since November, lake levels have fluctuated, and it has affected our ability to reach and maintain these lower levels, especially on Lake Bowen. We do plan to continue in our drawdown attempt through the end of February, and will alert you when the drawdown process has ended.

We appreciate your support throughout this drawdown attempt as part of our watershed management strategy. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to our team at Lake Bowen: (864) 592-2240 or Lake Blalock: (864) 578-5442.

Before you trim, don't forget to check the website!

For our neighbors around Lake Bowen, Lake Blalock and Municipal Reservoir #1, our website – www.spartanburgwater.org – is a great resource to access all of the rules and regulations that govern the buffer areas around each reservoir.

Both Lake Bowen and Lake Blalock documents were recently updated in October 2022, and the rules and regulations document for Municipal Reservoir #1 was recently added in December 2022.

The documents help provide guidance on permitted activities in the buffer area that extends to the 827' MSL (Mean Sea Level) around Lake Bowen, 720' MSL around Lake Blalock and the 780' MSL around Municipal Reservoir #1. Residents will also find important information on activities requiring a permit from Spartanburg Water, as well as specifications for marine structures, and regulations related to landscaping activities.

Should you ever have any questions related to the available rules and regulations documents, our Watershed Team is more than happy to assist. Our Lake Wardens and staff can be reached at the Lake Bowen Office at: (864) 592-2240 or the Lake Blalock Office at: (864) 578-5442.



Even better than a hard copy of our newsletter?

Make the move to digital and save paper and postage by signing up to have Healthy Lakes delivered to your inbox. Go to our website and enroll to make the switch:

<https://www.spartanburgwater.org/Healthy-Lakes-newsletter>