

# Healthy Lakes

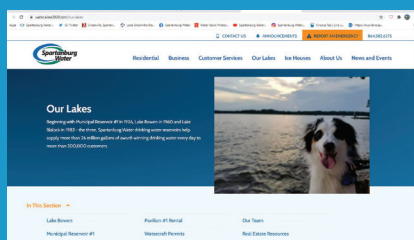
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News and information  
brought to you by Spartanburg Water.

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## Check out our new website!



The new and improved  
[www.spartanburgwater.org](http://www.spartanburgwater.org)  
site is now up and running,  
and all the important  
information you need is  
just a click away!

Be sure to visit the "Our  
Lakes" section, where you  
can find rules and regula-  
tions, permitting information,  
pavilion rental information,  
and a special section  
dedicated to anyone looking  
to buy or sell a reservoir-  
adjacent home!

## Reminder to Renew!

It's that time of the year again... time to renew your  
boat permits for the 2021 season!

### Boat permits will be on sale starting March 15, 2021.

If you have previously purchased a boat or watercraft permit, please keep an eye out in the mail. Spartanburg Water will be sending you a letter the last week of February.

Review the form, and if no changes are needed, then send back the signed letter – along with a check or money order for the permit fee.

If any changes are required, please call the Lake Bowen Office at (864) 592-2240.

If this is your first time permitting a boat or watercraft – or if you prefer to renew your boat permit in-person – the process will look a bit different this year.

To assist you with the permitting process, while keeping you safe, Spartanburg Water has installed contactless, walk-up windows at both the Lake Bowen (8515 Hwy. 9, Inman) and Lake Blalock Offices (1925 Sandy Ford Rd., Chesnee).

The walk-up windows – with a Plexiglas divider and slot – will both be open daily from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Permits can be bought for seasonal or daily use. Fees are based on horse-power and residence. A full break-down of pricing is available at [www.spartanburgwater.org](http://www.spartanburgwater.org).

**Please remember, in order to avoid a citation, a current permit sticker must be purchased and properly placed on your vessel no later than April 1, 2021. 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.

### Other important reminders regarding boat permits:

- In addition to your Spartanburg Water permit, you will also need a state registration from SCDNR displayed on your watercraft.
- State registrations must be renewed annually.



# Before hitting the water, shore up your boater ed!

Our lake wardens are dedicated to making sure you stay safe on the water this year.



The South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR) Boater Education Program teaches the fundamentals of safe and responsible boating, and is the best way to learn about boating law.

Boaters under the age of 16 are required to pass an approved boater education course before operating a personal watercraft unsupervised. Additionally, the class may make you eligible for a discount on your boat or personal watercraft insurance.

For more information on class availability, please visit:  
<https://www.dnr.sc.gov/education/boated.html>

For additional questions, please call our Lake Bowen Office  
at (864) 592-2240.

## Sedimentation and Erosion Response

Storm water runoff is a major challenge when it comes to caring for our watershed. That's why Spartanburg Water has turned to you – the community – for help identifying problematic areas where this is taking place.

We asked for your submissions to pinpoint areas where excess sedimentation and erosion may be entering our drinking water sources, and many of you have responded.

Spartanburg Water has taken action to address the areas of concern you have identified in an effort to reduce the amount of sedimentation from storm water runoff into our reservoirs.

For example, we have installed Silt Soxx – or barriers – in multiple locations around the reservoirs to help filter sedimentation from storm water currently entering the lakes. This tactic has shown to be an effective tool to prevent the introduction of excess sedimentation and nutrients into the reservoirs.

We thank those of you who have already given input on impacted areas to address, and we want to remind you to send pictures of trouble spots, along with comments and concerns, to [healthylakes@spartanburgwater.org](mailto:healthylakes@spartanburgwater.org) – so we can continue to work to help control storm water runoff into our drinking water reservoirs.



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