

# Healthy Lakes

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## Stay Safe this Summer While Out on the Lake

Before planning a day at the lake this summer, be sure to consider these important reminders to keep everyone safe while enjoying your time on the water.

If you're planning to go out on a watercraft, there are some key steps to complete before you even get out on the water:

- Let someone know where you are going and when you plan to return.
- Check the weather.
- Ensure your watercraft is in good working order. Always do a test run before you go out on the lake, and ask any of our wardens to help you do a safety check.
- Don't forget to sign-up for our Lake Alerts to ensure you have the latest news and alerts: [spartanburgwater.org/lakealerts](http://spartanburgwater.org/lakealerts)

Another essential step is making sure you have all the required safety equipment on board, including:

- Life Jackets – enough for each passenger, U.S. Coast Guard approved and in good condition. Life Jackets only work if you wear them, so be sure to keep a properly fitting floatation device on at all times when you are on the water.
- USCG approved Type IV Retrievable floatation device – For watercraft greater than 16'.
- Fire Extinguisher
- Navigation lights – on between official sunset and sunrise.
- Sound device – horn, air horn, or whistle.



### Have questions about your watercraft or safety equipment?

Our team is always happy to help! Check out the smiling faces of our Lake Wardens and Watershed Specialists: [spartanburgwater.org/watershed-team](http://spartanburgwater.org/watershed-team)

Please stay safe and contact the Lake Bowen Wardens' Office at 864-592-2240 or the Lake Blalock Wardens' Office at 864-578-5442 to report a safety issue or concern.

### Lake Alerts: Important Information Delivered Digitally!

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Want to stay updated with news and alerts regarding the Spartanburg Water reservoirs – Lake Bowen, Lake Blalock and Municipal Reservoir #1? It's now easier than ever to sign-up to receive Lake Alerts! Scan this QR-Code to subscribe to e-mail and/or text notifications:

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# Lake Bowen Park – Shoreline Stabilization Project

Did you know that grass, plants and trees can help serve as a natural filter and barrier to keep excess nutrients from entering Lake Bowen? If you have visited Lake Bowen Park recently, you have probably noticed areas around the shoreline that would benefit from the addition of more grass, plants and trees. So, this summer Spartanburg Water will kick-off the first phase of a multi-phase project to improve and stabilize the shoreline around Lake Bowen Park.

Using native plant species, the project will address shoreline erosion and impervious surface run-off that can negatively impact Lake Bowen, as a drinking water reservoir.

The Lake Bowen Park will remain open throughout the project, which is expected to last through August. Monday through Friday, some parking spaces in the peninsula loop will be blocked off, but will re-open on weekends.

Visitors with questions about the project are invited to reach out to the Spartanburg Water watershed staff and lake wardens at the Lake Bowen Park office – (864) 592-2240.

## A 319-Grant Project

This shoreline stabilization project is part of a 319 Grant awarded by the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC) to Spartanburg Water.

319 Grants are awarded to fund projects that are intended to help reduce pollutants in an area of a watershed that will help lead to measurable water quality improvements. The grants are funded from an annual grant allocation from the EPA under Section 319(h) of the Clean Water Act.



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