



DOUGLAS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE WATER PATROL

TEMPORARY STRUCTURE PERMIT REGULATIONS FOR

WATER SKI / WAKE BOARD / JET SKI COURSE APPLICANTS

The Douglas County Sheriff's Office does not authorize the placement and use of permanent water ski / wake board / jet ski courses. No water ski / wakeboard / jet ski course will be allowed to be placed in the lakes or waterways of Douglas County for a period greater than one day (sunrise to sunset) without first obtaining a temporary structure permit. (Pursuant to Chapter 6110.1800, Subpart 1) The permitting process shall include the submission and review of a completed permit application, course location diagram, and an on-site review by the Water Patrol Supervisor.

Once you receive your permit authorizing the placement of your water ski / wake board / jet ski course; the permit will be valid for **one** (1) boating season. (A boating season generally starts at ice out and ends at ice formation) During that one season period, you are required to renew the permit if one or more of the following occurs:

- When your address or location of the temporary structure changes
- When your structure is found to be non-compliant with the policies and/or regulations set forth

The Sheriff's Office Water Patrol takes great care to ensure the safe navigation of all persons using the public waters of Douglas County, to accomplish this, Deputies will inspect and monitor your temporary structure to ensure that it is, and remains in compliance with the following regulations and guidelines:

- Water ski / wake board / jet ski courses are allowed to be placed in public waters when the owner is actively using the course. **Active use** is defined as having used/skied the course within the past two hours
- The structure cannot be a navigational hazard to the general boating public
- The permit number is displayed in not less than 2" in height numerals on one of each of the end buoys
- Any one part of the structure **MUST NOT** be within 150 feet from shore, another water structure, public landing, waterway channel area, restricted fishing area/zone, restricted boating area/zone, emergent vegetation, etc.
- Any one part of the structure **MUST NOT** be more than 200 feet from shore
- The overall course length may not exceed 900 feet in length
- The course surface markers/floats must be in a color that is highly visible and clearly indicates the course size and shape from all angles
- **TEMPORARY SUBMERSIBLE COURSES**
 - If the course is **submersible**, the structure/framework of the course **MUST** be completely submerged to the floor of the lake, daily, when the course is not being actively used
 - A marker buoy will be allowed on one end of the course structure/framework. This buoy must meet 'Mooring Buoy' requirements. This buoy may be used to re-float the structure/framework
 - The submersible course structure/framework must be **COMPLETELY** submerged by one hour past sunset. No part of the structure/framework will be allowed to be suspended at **ANY** water depth
- **TEMPORARY NON-SUBMERSIBLE COURSES**
 - If the course is **non-submersible**, the course is allowed to be placed on public waters for a period of time beginning at sunrise of day number one and ending one hour past sunset on day number two. The course structure/framework must be **COMPLETELY** removed by one hour past sunset
 - The non-submersible course is allowed to only remain in public waters overnight between day numbers one and two
- The entire structure/framework of all ski courses must be completely removed from the public waters by November 1st, so as not to create a hazard for developing winter ice conditions

Please understand that ANY structure placed in the public waters within Douglas County remain your responsibility to maintain. This however, does not prevent someone from using your structure or the public waters surrounding your structure. By issuing you a *temporary structure permit*, Douglas County, by Rule of Law, is not liable for any injuries or property damage by persons using, crashing into, or damage caused by, your temporary water structure.

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