

DOUGLAS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE WATER PATROL

TEMPORARY STRUCTURE PERMIT REGULATIONS FOR

PRIVATE SWIMMING AREAS

Once you receive your permit authorizing the placement of your swimming area buoys; the permit will be valid for **three** calendar years. During that three-year 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; or
- When your permission from the property / landowner is revoked
- When your structure is found to be non-compliant with the policies and/or regulations set forth

You will be notified by mail or email on/near your three-year renewal date that your permit is expiring. A new permit application and diagram will need to be filed.

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 swim area to ensure that it is in compliance with the following regulations and guidelines, [Rule 6110.1600](#):

- The permit holder may mark off up to 2,500 square feet for the swim area
- The swim area MUST be no more than 50 feet along the lake frontage
- The swim area must be marked with buoys that are white in color with orange in color diamonds with crosses on each side
- The buoys must also extend 6 inches out of the water and not taller than 14 inches. The buoys should also be spaced no more than 15 feet apart
- The swim area cannot be a navigational danger to the general boating public
- The structure must be removed by November 1st, so as not to create a hazard for developing ice and winter conditions

* * A white colored bleach bottle with the proper marking shown below, on each side, fulfills the above requirements * *

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. 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.

**SWIM AREA
SYMBOL**



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