

AUBURN WATER DISTRICT RESERVOIR REGULATIONS (8/2013)

1. The three reservoirs (Dark Brook, Upper and Lower Stoneville reservoirs) ["the reservoir(s)"], owned by the Auburn Water District ["the District"] are an important part of the recharge area of the District's wells, which supply water to residents of the Town of Auburn. The reservoirs are governed by laws protecting public water supplies and waterways of the Commonwealth, and the penalties associated with those laws will be enforced.
2. All fishing, boating and any other recreational use of the reservoirs shall be in accordance with all local and state laws pertaining thereto and shall be at the individual's sole risk and liability. The District specifically denies any liability for any damage or personal injury arising from the use of the reservoirs.
3. Boat and motor horsepower size are subject to rules adopted from time to time by the District's Board of Water Commissioners ["the Board"]. All boats on the reservoirs shall have proper safety equipment, and boat owners shall comply with all rules and regulations associated with safe boating practices.
4. The use of jet skis is prohibited on the Upper and Lower Stoneville reservoirs, per state law.
5. Noise levels of individuals using the reservoirs, including, but not limited to motorized crafts, shall be kept to a minimum and are subject to rules adopted from time to time by the Board. noise pollution which disturbs abutters is prohibited.
6. The Board reserves the right to remove from a reservoir, at the owner's expense, any boat, craft, vessel or other structure which the Board deems to be unsafe or detrimental to a reservoir or abutters.
7. No motorized vehicles are permitted on any reservoir from the time ice is in until the time ice is out. Any use of a reservoir for ice fishing shall be at the fisherman's sole risk.
8. No dock shall extend more than 30 feet into a reservoir from the historic high water level nor have more than 300 square feet of surface area. Any abutter proposing to modify, repair or replace an existing dock, or construct a new dock, shall obtain the prior written permission of the Board and the Auburn Conservation Commission all docks shall comply with Conservation Commission requirements and/or MassDEP licensing requirements.
9. The Board reserves the right to impose fines for any illegal activities by boaters or other persons on the reservoirs or on District property.
10. The dumping of any hazardous materials or chemicals into a reservoir is illegal, and offenders will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. The placement of any fill material in a reservoir or abutting property is prohibited unless authorized in writing by the Board and the Auburn Conservation Commission.
11. The addition of any fish, animal or vegetation to a reservoir is prohibited and punishable by fines and all costs associated with remediation. It is strongly recommended that all watercraft and trailers that have been launched into other water bodies be thoroughly cleaned prior to launching them into the reservoirs to prevent the spread of undesirable invasive aquatic species.
12. Fishing derbies may be held but only with the prior written consent of the Board and only if proper insurance is provided to the Board by the derby directors/sponsors.
13. No one shall attempt to operate any controls or other devices or structures that are integral to the operation and safety of the dams. No one shall deface or destroy reservoir dams, structures, signage, trees or vegetation growing along the shoreline of a reservoir. Vegetation clearing on District property is prohibited and may result in fines and other legal penalties from local and state authorities.
14. No one shall have possession of or consume any alcoholic beverage while in or on a reservoir.
15. All reservoirs are subject to water level drawdowns for purposes of flood and vegetation control.
16. The District and its Board reserve the right to amend, add to, or delete any and all of these regulations at any time in the Board's discretion.
17. Questions regarding these regulations may be submitted in writing to the Board of Water Commissioners, Auburn Water District, P.O. Box 187, 75 Church Street, Auburn, MA 01501.