



Shoreline and Commons Maintenance Questions and Answers

Q. Who is responsible for maintaining the commons area at my dock site?

A. The City has 17 miles of shoreline and has attempted to keep the dock program affordable so we require dock holders to maintain the commons and abutting property owners the right-of way areas. This includes but it is not limited to mowing the grass and removing weeds, both on land and in the water. City funds are mainly used on larger projects such as rip rap and tree care.

Q. Who does repairs and up keep of docks?

A. Docks maintenance is the responsibility of the dock holder and docks must be kept in good working condition. City Code states “all docks should be built of sound, aesthetically pleasing materials and be constructed of a standard” which promotes “the public’s health, safety and welfare as determined by the City. Docks and other appurtenances shall not be unsightly or create a public nuisance.”

Q. Can I leave my dock in the water all year?

A. Dock holders are responsible for putting in and taking out docks each year. Generally you will need to take in your dock at the end of the season except for certain areas of the lake with limited wave action and ice heaving.

Q. Where can I store my dock during the winter?

A. City Code states that you are able to store your dock on the Commons as long as the dock materials are stored in an orderly manner and don’t impact access to the Commons. Dock materials must be removed by June 1st if not reinstalled.

Q. How much space am I responsible for around my dock space?

A. Docks are generally spaced 30 feet apart and the dock complex should be centered on the dock use area. Commons are generally considered to be the first 10 feet of shoreline.

Q. What dimensions can my dock be?

A. A dock width cannot be less than 24” and not wider than 48”. The length depends on the particular situation in which the dock is located. Typically a dock cannot have a length greater than 24 feet except where necessary to reach a water depth of 48”, in which case the maximum length is 100 feet (using Lake Minnetonka elevation levels of 929.40 feet above sea level). The layout of the dock must be approved by the City and changes requested in writing.

Q. How often do the dock sites get inspected?

A. Each site is inspected up to 8 times a boating season. These inspections are completed to ensure that the docks and commons area are kept in good condition and to ensure that dock holders are following dock procedures and that only registered watercraft are at the dock sites.



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Q. How long can I keep my boat in the water?

A. Boats must be in the water by June 1. If you are unable to put a boat in the water by June 1 please notify Dock Administration at 952-472-0613. Watercraft at multiple slip sites must be removed by October 15th of each year. Watercraft at regular dock sites may remain as long as weather permits.

Q. Are there limits on what I can do at my dock or how long I can be there?

A. The City would like all non-abutting dock holders to recognize and respect other dock users and abutting property owners. Dock holders are encouraged to minimize the time spent at the dock and keep noise to a minimum. In addition, it should be noted the following activities are not permitted on the commons or city owned docks per Sec 78-10 of the City Code:

1. No fishing .The term fishing shall include fishing with a line, taking fish by means of snagging, spearing, harpooning, archery or by dip net.
2. No Swimming, diving, possession of open alcohol, or glass containers.

Q. Can a friend who is not in the dock program tie up a boat to my dock?

A. A non-declared watercraft can moor at a dock for up to 48 hours twice in a boating season. The City can issue up to one temporary visiting dockage permit to be used for up to 21 days in a boating season for a fee of \$50.

Q. Who is responsible for dredging low water areas?

A. The Minnehaha Creek Watershed District (MCWD) is the permitting authority for dredges on Lake Minnetonka. The city will have to sign off on the MCWD dredging application. The city would most likely support any *privately* funded dredge especially if the MCWD has permitted a dredge in the area in the past.

Q. Can I make any changes to the Commons area?

A. If you are contemplating making any improvements on the commons or right-of way a Public Lands Permit is required. Storage of dock materials is permitted on the commons during winter months as long as the storage is done in a manner which is orderly and doesn't damage the Commons in any way. Storage is not allowed in a public right-of-way.

Q. Who do I contact if I have any questions or concerns?

A. Please contact the Dock Administrator at 952-472-0613. In addition, further Dock related information is available on the City of Mound website at www.cityofmound.com and click on the Dock Program tab on the left hand menu and/or the City Code tab. Chapter 78 of the Mound City Code pertains to Waterways and the Dock Program.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping the Lake Minnetonka shoreline in Mound beautiful and accessible.