



PRIOR LAKE PARKS & RECREATION
SEASONAL BOAT SLIP RENTAL POLICY
2024

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Reservation Website: www.PriorLakeMN.gov/recreation under Rentals Tab.

NEW RENTAL PROCEDURE IN 2024

In 2024, there will be a new prequalification process to ensure that residents of the City of Prior Lake have priority access to boat slip rentals.

Residents who are interested in reserving a boat slip for the 2024 season must submit an online application for prequalification and confirmation of residency status. The application is now open and will remain open until 11:59 p.m. on Mon., Jan. 1, 2024. [Please click this link to apply.](#)

All applications will be verified by staff on Tues., Jan. 2. After review, ALL applicants will receive an email notifying them if they qualify for resident or non-resident status based on their address. A resident is someone who currently lives within Prior Lake city limits and pays taxes to the City of Prior Lake.

Completion of the application does not guarantee residency status, or a 2024 boat slip reservation. All potential renters will still need to officially reserve a slip online once the dates for 2024 are released. There will be two rental release dates for the 2024 season. One for those who are prequalified and one for all others three days later. All reservations remain first come, first serve and there is no priority given to the previous season's renters.

2024 Rental Release Dates:

- Prequalified Prior Lake residents may make reservations online beginning Tues., Jan. 9 at 9 a.m.
- All others may make online reservations beginning Fri., Jan. 12 at 9 a.m.
 - Rental website: www.PriorLakeMN.gov/recreation

Renters are responsible for reviewing and complying with all the information provided, including all City ordinances. The City ordinances are located online at www.PriorLakeMN.gov. Please contact Prior Lake Recreation for any additional information or clarification.

APPLICANT

The applicant listed on the reservation must provide accurate address and contact information. The applicant must be a minimum of 18 years of age and is solely responsible for the rental. Applicants must not assign, loan, transfer, sell or sublet the slip to others. Any violations will result in the forfeiture of your reservation including any fees paid. If discrepancies are discovered, the City of Prior Lake reserves the right to deny or revoke a rental.

RENTAL FEES

Rental fees are based on residency. A resident is someone who currently lives within Prior Lake city limits and pays taxes to the City of Prior Lake.

USER TYPES:

Resident

Fee: \$4,500

Non-Resident (Reside outside city limits of Prior Lake)

Fee: \$5,500

PAYMENT TYPES

Acceptable forms of payment include Visa, MasterCard or Discover. Full payment is due at time of reservation.

SEASONAL BOAT SLIP ASSIGNMENT

All boats are to be located according to the boat slip assigned by the City. These boat slips cannot be reassigned, loaned, subleased, sold or transferred.

SIZE OF SLIPS

The boat slip dimensions are 8 ½ feet wide x 20 feet long. Watercraft may not be wider than 8 ½ feet.

SEASONAL BOAT SLIP LOCATIONS

The City of Prior Lake offers seasonal boat slips rentals at Watzl's Beaches. Watzl's Beach is located within Lakefront Park, 5000 Kop Parkway, Prior Lake, MN 55372

BOAT LAUNCH – SEASONAL BOAT SLIP LOCATIONS

DNR public boat launches for Prior Lake:

- Sand Point Beach – 14977 Crest Ave NE, Prior Lake, MN 55372
- Dewitte Launch - 16800 Dewitte Ave SW, Prior Lake, MN 55372

There is no launch at Watzl's Beach.

PLEASE NOTE, DNR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS AT DEWITTE AND SAND POINT BEACH ARE SCHEDULED FOR THE 2024 BOATING SEASON AND MAY IMPACT ACCESS ON AND OFF PRIOR LAKE.

VEHICLE PARKING

Overnight parking is not allowed in any City parks. Vehicles must be removed from City parking lots by 10 p.m.

Parking lots at Lakefront Park are the closest public parking to Watzl's Beach. The beach is approximately 0.25 mile from the parking lot area. **Please note that during *Lakefront Music Fest (July 12 and 13)*, parking is not available at Lakefront Park.** Watzl's Beach will still be accessible during the event.

INSURANCE REQUIREMENT

The City of Prior Lake requires proof of insurance for the boat with the City of Prior Lake listed as an additional insured. The renter must keep the boat fully insured with reasonably adequate Marine Insurance, including hull coverage, indemnity and liability insurance. The insurance policy holder name and address must match the application. Due within one week of when reservation was made, email to recreation@PriorLakeMN.gov

USE RESTRICTIONS

- The bay at Watzl's Beach can become shallow and encumbered with weeds; the City recommends those with Jet Boats do not rent a seasonal slip.

- Only one slip rental is allowed per household, per season. The boat slip is available only for the boat listed on the application and approved by the City; any replacement boat must be approved by the City before locating in the boat slip.
- No person shall build or erect any wharf, boathouse, lift, or other structure on or over the dock or slide.
- Anchor posts may be installed in the water only by permission of the City.
- Boats cannot be used or rented for commercial purposes.
- The renter must remove any personal property from the boat when not in use. The City of Prior Lake shall bear NO liability for any items of personal property left in the boat or at the slip.
- The renter may not store any personal property on the premises (including the slip), other than the boat and normal marine equipment which can be stored on the boat (life jackets, etc.)
- The renter may not re-fuel, wash, polish, grease, change oil or repair any boat in the boat slip or dock.
- Commercial type bumpers (fenders) must be used to secure the boat to the dock; tires are NOT allowed. Bumpers may NOT be attached to the docks.
- All trash and waste materials must be properly disposed of in waste receptacle.
- Gate must be secured upon entering and exiting the pier.
- Renter shall conduct himself or herself at all times so as not to unreasonably annoy, bother or otherwise interfere with the rights and privileges of other renters and guests. Each renter is responsible for the conduct of his or her family, guests, and invitees.
- The renter shall at all times maintain the boat in neat, attractive and seaworthy condition capable of operating under its own power.
- Slips are required to be vacated between 10 a.m. – 11 p.m. on July 4 to facilitate the setup and launching of fireworks from Watzl's Beach.

RENTER RESPONSIBILITY

- Renter acknowledges and agrees that renter is mooring the boat at its own risk. The City of Prior Lake shall NOT be responsible for the safety of any persons or the boat and will not be liable for injury, death, loss, fire, theft, damage, or vandalism to any persons, the boat or any personal property attached to, within, or upon the boat. City of Prior Lake shall NOT be responsible for any death, injury or damage or loss caused by weather, lake conditions, acts of God, or other causes. City of Prior Lake shall not be responsible for the safety of renter (or renter's family, employees, agents, or guests, including, but not limited to social invitees and business invitees) or their personal property, including but not limited to automobiles, boat trailers, or the boat, and will not be liable for fire, theft, damage, or vandalism.
- Renter expressly acknowledges and agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the City and its employees, elected officials, contractors, and agents from all claims, demands, causes of action, liabilities, damages, costs, including reasonably attorney fees, in connection with or related to renter's (or renter's guests, invitees, agents, employees or contractors) action or inaction in relation to use of the boat and/or boat slip.
- The City of Prior Lake requires a watercraft registration number for the boat, due upon reservation.
- The renter assumes full responsibility for providing adequate covering to protect the boat (and other property) from any and all perils including (without limitation) inclement weather, and for the proper maintenance of such covering.
- Any problems with the boat slip or dock, including damage or safety defects, shall be reported immediately to the City.
- In the event that the boat sinks in the boat slip, renter will commence salvage activities within twenty-four (24) hours of notice by City of Prior Lake that such sinking has taken place. Failure to commence such salvage action within the prescribed time shall give the City of Prior the right to salvage the boat and

renter shall reimburse the City of Prior Lake all expenses incurred in the salvaging or attempted salvaging of the boat.

RESTRICTION OF HOURS

Per City Code 702.400: PARK HOURS, all parks will close at 10:00 p.m. each day and shall remain closed until 5:00 a.m. on the following day. No parking, use of or access to city parks or seasonal boat slips is allowed between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m.

All dock activity is restricted to the following hours: Sunday – Saturday: 5:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Slips are required to be vacated between 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. on July 4 to facilitate the setup and launching of fireworks from Watzl’s Beach.

SEASON LENGTH

Seasonal boat slips will be available each spring after the boat slips are installed. This installation will take place as staff time and weather conditions allow after complete ice out. Renters will be notified by email when slip use is available.

All boats and other property must be removed from the water by October 13, 2024 (or earlier if directed by the City due to lake and weather conditions). A charge of \$100.00 per day will be assessed for each day the boat is in violation of the removal date.

POLICY VIOLATIONS

Any renter who violates this policy or attempts to circumvent the intent of the policy, is subject to having their space immediately forfeited with NO refund. In such event, the City shall remove and store the boat at the expense of the renter.

The City shall be entitled to collect from renter any costs incurred in enforcement of this policy, including reasonable attorney fees.

REFUNDS & PRORATING OF FEES

Due to anticipated possible low-water conditions for the 2024 season, if the City deems the boat slips unusable for a permit-holder, a pro-rated or full refund may be issued minus a \$100 processing and administrative fee. Boat slip conditions will be assessed in the spring of 2024 when the slips are installed and permits holders will receive updates when the slips are available.



Watzl's Beach Boat Slips

Day Use Boat Slips



Gate



Seasonal Boat Slips