

MARINE TOILETS AND SEWAGE DISCHARGE

Lake Minnetonka



In response to illnesses over 2019's Fourth of July holiday, the **Lake Minnetonka Conservation District (LMCD)** adopted an ordinance to reinforce and clarify existing regulations banning sewage discharge in Lake Minnetonka. Being that Lake Minnetonka is one of the largest and busiest lakes in Minnesota, it is especially important to take additional steps to reduce the risk of illness outbreaks.

STAY HEALTHY ON THE LAKE

For tips about staying healthy on the lake and helping to keep the lake healthy for everyone else, visit lmcd.org.

The LMCD thanks you for your cooperation in helping to keep Lake Minnetonka a fun and safe place to be.



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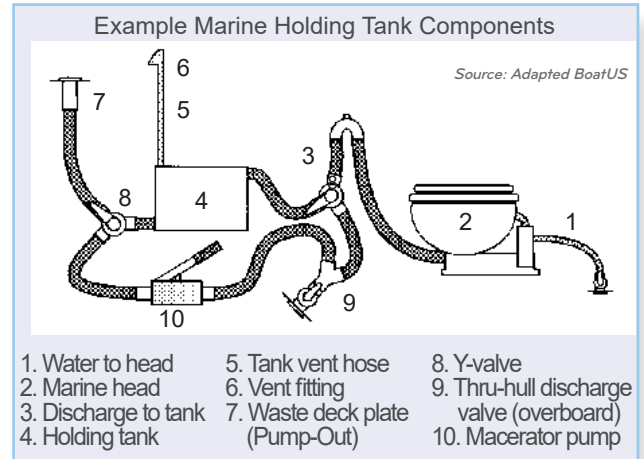
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ORDINANCE REQUIREMENTS

The ordinance requires that for any watercraft operating on Lake Minnetonka:

- The macerator/grinder pumps must be removed, and
- The discharge valves (“Y-valves”) must be locked to prevent accidental or intentional discharge of sewage.



If your watercraft has been re-piped to satisfy sewage discharge regulations on other waters, you may already be in compliance with the Lake Minnetonka ordinance.



MONITORING AND REPORTING

All boaters on Lake Minnetonka must comply with the ordinance. Lake service providers who launch watercrafts or provide pumping services are required to report to the LMCD any situations where marine toilets do not comply with regulations. They may not launch any watercraft in violation of these rules.

PENALTY FOR VIOLATING ORDINANCE

The discharge of sewage or waste into the lake continues to be a violation and is subject to a misdemeanor. Any person launching a watercraft equipped with a marine toilet that is not in compliance with the ordinance is subject to a petty misdemeanor. **Due to COVID-19 social distancing guidelines in 2020, pumps should be removed if they can be removed safely. Enforcement of all watercraft will begin in 2021.**

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

[Minnesota State Statute 86B.325](#)

This information is provided as a guide. For specific requirements, please refer to **LMCD code section 11-1.01 Subd. 1 to 5** and other sections, available on the LMCD website.