

**TEMPORARY WATER STRUCTURE
PERMIT APPLICATION**

**CARVER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
RECREATIONAL SERVICES UNIT
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The following information is necessary for the proper and accurate issuance of the permit. Complete and return to the above address – **Attn: Recreational Services Unit**

(PLEASE PRINT)

Business / Organization Name: _____

Name: _____ **Birthdate:** _____

Address: _____

Phone: Home _____ **Work** _____ **Cell** _____

I REQUEST A PERMIT FOR: (circle all that apply)

# _____ Mooring Buoy(s)	Floating Raft	Swim Area	Ski Jump
Diving Tower	Slalom Course	Other (describe) _____	

NAME OF LAKE: _____

- Attach a sketch or diagram showing your structure and where it will be located on the lake. Indicate property lines on the shore land portion of the diagram for perspective. The sketch or diagram does not need to be a scale drawing, but must clearly indicate the location to enable inspection by water patrol officers. Show applicable measurements, size of swim area, distance from raft to shore, etc.
- Permit applications will be reviewed for potential conflicts with location, safety, navigation, or other recreation uses.
- The permit holder is responsible for placement and maintenance in accordance with all local and state regulations and permit conditions, and removal of the structure upon expiration.
- Substantiated complaints regarding water structures may open a review of the permit, and may result in amendments or cancellation of the permit.

Applicant Signature: _____

Date: _____

MN Statutes and Rules can be found on the internet: www.revisor.leg.state.mn.us

6110.1800 PLACEMENT OF TEMPORARY STRUCTURES AND BUOYS IN THE WATERS OF THE STATE.

Subpart 1. In general. No person shall leave any temporary structure not extending from shore, or any buoy or sign in the waters of this state between the hours of sunset and sunrise without first obtaining a permit in writing therefore from the sheriff of the county. Mooring buoys must be placed as provided in part 6110.1500, subpart 4. Swimming area markers must be placed as provided in part 6110.1600.

Subp. 2. Permit for temporary structure or buoy. The sheriff of any county may issue a permit for the placement of any such structure or buoy whenever, in the sheriff's opinion, the structure or buoy will not constitute an undue hazard to or illegal obstruction of navigation.

Each structure or navigational buoy placed pursuant to such permit shall have the permit number painted on it and shall have attached either a light visible in all directions, or sufficient reflectorized material so as to reflect light from all directions, which material shall retain 80 percent of its dry weather reflective signal strength when submerged in water.

Nothing in this part shall be construed to affect the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, section 103G.245, or the requirements for permits from the commissioner of natural resources thereunder, nor shall this part be construed to affect the construction of blinds built according to Minnesota Statutes, sections 97B.805 and 97B.811.

6110.1500 WATERWAY MARKERS.

Subpart 1. In general. Except as hereinafter provided, or as otherwise provided by law, all waterway markers placed in or upon the waters of the state by public authority or under a permit issued by the sheriff of any county for the purposes hereinafter set forth shall have the form, size, lighting, reflectorization, and coloration prescribed therefor. When referring to lights on a waterway marker, "flashing" means not more than 30 flashes per minute and "quick-flashing" means at least 60 flashes per minute.

Subp. 4. Mooring buoys. Every buoy placed in the waters of the state for use in anchoring or mooring watercraft may be of any practicable size or shape, but must have at least eight inches extending above the waterline. No anchoring buoy may have a diameter of over 24 inches circular or a width of more than 24 inches if some other shape. No mooring or anchor buoy may be placed in any public water if it obstructs access to any public or private property or creates a navigational hazard. No mooring or anchor buoy may be placed in or upon the water of the state except by public authority or under a permit issued by the sheriff of the county. Every such buoy shall be colored white and shall be encircled by a visible blue band at least one inch wide. Mooring buoys must have a minimum total of 16 square inches of white reflectorization, part of which must be visible from any direction. Mooring buoys, if lighted, shall show a flashing white light.

6110.1600 MARKING OF LEGALLY DESIGNATED SWIMMING AREAS.

Subpart 1. Individual private areas. The owner or lessee of shoreline property may place white markers defining a swimming area adjacent to the property for personal use. This area shall not exceed 2,500 square feet in area and shall not extend more than 50 linear feet along the lake frontage of the owner or lessee. These markers must have no less than six inches but no more than 14 inches showing above the waterline. Markers in the form of a cylinder must have a diameter of at least five inches and not larger than nine inches. Markers with a shape other than a cylinder may not have a length or width greater than 14 inches. Each such marker shall bear on opposite sides a one-half inch wide band of international orange color forming an upright diamond at least five inches in outside width, dissected vertically and horizontally by a one-half inch wide strip of international orange color. The border of the diamond and cross outline shall not be less than one-half inch in width. These markers may not be spaced more than 15 feet apart and must outline all of the swimming area.

No swimming marker may obstruct watercraft traffic or unduly interfere with public use of the water. If in the opinion of the local sheriff, the sheriff's water patrol officer, or conservation officer, such conditions exist, they may direct the landowner or lessee to change the boundaries of the swimming area or have the markers removed. The landowner or lessee may appeal such a directive to the commissioner of natural resources.

Subp. 2. Other areas. Swimming areas in public waters maintained or designated by governmental subdivisions, private corporations, private clubs, nonprofit organizations, or businesses offering public swimming facilities in any body of water where operation of motor-powered watercraft is not prohibited shall be marked in the following manner:

A. The entire perimeter of the water area shall be marked with white marking buoys no less than nine inches in diameter and extending no less than 36 inches above the surface of the water. Each marking buoy must contain two horizontal bands of orange, one such band at the top, and the other just above the waterline. Each marking buoy must also contain two diamond shapes with crosses which means "boats keep out." These diamond shapes must have a vertical diagonal of not less than 14 inches. The borders of the diamond and cross outline shall not be less than two inches in width. The color of these borders shall be orange. The diamonds shall be placed midway between the horizontal bands. The words "swim area" should also appear on each marker in no less than two-inch letters.

B. Marking buoys must not be spaced more than 75 feet apart and in no case may less than three markers be used to establish a boundary line.

C. Smaller markers may be used to add definition to the area boundaries. These smaller markers must be all white in color.