



# Town of Onalaska

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To: Town of Onalaska Lakeshore Residents

Re: Time to Renew Dock Permits

It is time again to renew Lake Onalaska Dock permits. Private individual permits for docks, boatlifts, and other allowed structures should now be applied for using the attached form. Please follow the instructions for completing the permit application. Allowed structures include one dock, one boatlift, steps or stairs and a small storage box. This permit applies to the federal property leased by the Town. All docks, steps and boatlifts must be in good repair. Permits will not be issued for damaged or unrepaired structures.

**Work such as riprap, below the ordinary high water mark, requires state and federal approval. For work above the ordinary high water mark, County approval is necessary. In all cases approval must be obtained before construction begins.**

Electrical installations must be weatherproof, equipped with quick disconnect fittings above the flood pool and meet the National Electrical Code (NEC) and state and local codes and regulations.

Individual permits run for three years. The fee is \$75.00 for a three-year permit. A **clear** and **accurate** location sketch or photograph of the dock, boatlift, steps or box must accompany the permit application.

**The permit application and shoreline rules are enclosed. A permit is required for you to legally maintain a private dock or other structure on the Federal property. Read the rules carefully.** Remember these rules apply to the Federal property only; therefore it is important to know where your lot lines are. A copy of an informative brochure entitled Lake Onalaska Shore Land Use Guide is available at [www.townofonalaska.org](http://www.townofonalaska.org) for your information. The brochure contains contact information for local, state and federal offices.

If you are unsure about the provisions of the permit or the shoreline rules, please call the Town Hall 783-4958 during regular business hours: Monday thru Thursday 8 am-4:30 pm and Friday 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

After the permit is approved a copy will be returned in the stamped self-addressed envelope you provide and the original will be kept on file at the Town Hall.