



Policies and Procedures for Lake LaVina

The South Florida Water Management District and the Narcoossee Community Development District (CDD) control all policies and procedures for Lake LaVina.

Swimming, bathing, wading and diving are not permitted in Lake LaVina. Lake LaVina is a non-swimming, bathing or wading lake in accordance with the South Florida Water Management District and these policies and procedures.

General Rules:

- Lake LaVina is a component of the CDD's master surface water management system (Surface Water System). There shall be no activities in or around the lake that would interfere with its proper operation.
- The CDD Board of Supervisors has authorized limited use of Lake LaVina by residents of the District for the certain recreational activities described below that are not inconsistent with the safe and lawful operation of the Surface Water System.
- The use of the Lake LaVina for recreational purposes is strictly at your own risk, Natural environments such as Lake LaVina are habitats for a variety of wild animals such as snakes and alligators that can pose a danger to people. Lake LaVina may reach extreme depths and the lake bottom is subject to steep slopes and abrupt changes in depth.
- Pets are not allowed in the lake.
- No docks or other structures, whether permanent or temporary, shall be constructed and placed in the lake or on the lake shoreline unless properly permitted and approved by the South Florida Water Management District, the CDD, and other applicable governmental agencies.
- No foreign materials may be disposed of in the lake, including, but not limited to, tree branches, paint, cement, oils, soap suds, building materials, chemicals, fertilizers or any other material that is not naturally occurring or which may be detrimental to the lake environment.

- Any hazardous condition must immediately be reported to the District Manager. The presence of any chemical or other similar hazardous condition must immediately be reported to the proper authorities or police.
- Property owners and residents are responsible for the activities of their tenants, guests and invitees.

Shoreline Vegetation Maintenance:

- Pursuant to Section 369.20, Florida Statutes, an owner of property abutting the shoreline of the lake may physically or mechanically remove herbaceous aquatic plants and semiwoody herbaceous plants, such as shrub species and willow, within an area delimited by up to 50 percent of the property owner's frontage or 50 feet, whichever is less, and by a sufficient length waterward from, and perpendicular to, the property owner's shoreline to create a corridor to allow access for a boat.
- All unvegetated areas shall be cumulatively considered when determining the width of the exempt corridor.
- Physical or mechanical removal does not include the use of any chemicals or any activity that requires a permit pursuant to Part IV of Chapter 373, Florida Statutes.
- Property owners wishing to remove vegetation in accordance with the above statutory criteria must first contact the District Manger for authorization and verification of compliance with the above and the CDD's wetland maintenance plan and any governmental easements or other restrictions that may be in place over the subject area.

Recreational Boating:

- **Lake LaVina may be used for recreational boating in strict compliance with the requirements outlined below:**
 - Approved boat types:
 - Oar or paddle driven boats, such as: canoes, row boats, kayaks, sculls, etc.
 - Single-hulled sail boats.
 - Battery powered electric boats.
 - Boats may not exceed 18 feet in length.
 - No watercraft may have a fixed draft of more than 24 inches.
 - The following boat types are prohibited for use on Lake LaVina: multi- or double-hulled sail boats, inflatable boats, rafts, inner tubes, personal floating devices, windsurfers, sail boards, motor surfers, jet skis.
 - No gasoline or diesel fueled engines are permitted on Lake LaVina with the exception of the Lakes Work Boat.
 - Boating Rules:
 - All boats must have a life jacket for each person on board and all safety equipment in accordance with Federal, State, County and City requirements.
 - All boats placed on the lake must bear a Homeowners or Townhouse Association approval sticker.

- No boating hours have been established at this time. However, because sounds carry and magnify over water, boating must be done in a quiet, courteous manner, especially after 10:00 p.m. and before 7:30 a.m.
- All boats must be operated in a safe and courteous manner.
- Sailing craft shall have the right of way over all other watercraft.
- Docking at private property is not allowed without the express written consent of the owner.
- Boats may only be moored or stored at an owner's dock or on the edge of the owner's property. No boating storage is permitted on CDD property.
- Owners of off-water homes must remove their boat from the water when not in use.
- No anchors of any type are allowed on the lake unless permitted by law.
- All boats must be kept in good repair and be in operating condition.

Fishing Policies:

- Fishing is restricted to property owners and residents. All guests and invitees must be accompanied by a property owner or resident at all times while using the lake.
- Live bait is permitted for fishing along with other types of bait.
- It is recommended that fishing should be catch and release; however, if you keep the fish there shall be no cleaning of fish at docks, lakeside or from a boat.
- The following items are prohibited on or near the lake: spears, firearms, air rifles, large nets, traps, bows and arrows.
- To protect the fish and waterfowl, fishing lines must not be left unattended.
- Only fish over 12" in length may be taken from the lake.
- Only sport fish may be removed: Catfish, Bass and Bluegill.

Note:

- Violations of the above policies may result in the suspension or termination of your privilege to use the lake.

The Narcoossee Community Development District is not responsible for injury or damage to persons or property, including accidental death, resulting from the use of Lake LaVina. All persons, including property owners, residents and their guests and invitees are using Lake LaVina at their own risk. There are no lifeguards or other safety personnel present at any time. Lake LaVina, or any other CDD lake, may contain wild animals or other natural or man made hazards which may result in injury or death. The CDD makes no representation that the use of Lake LaVina or any other CDD lake is suitable for recreational boating or fishing. These policies and procedures are intended only to assist property owners and residents in the orderly and continued enjoyment of the natural surroundings.