

Dane County Sheriff's Office
Marine and Trail Enforcement Bureau
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Dane County Ordinance Chapter 71 requires certain motorized vehicles operated on lakes within Dane County to be equipped with flotation. The requirements are as follows:

Lakes Mendota – Monona – Wingra

Vehicles weighing over 850 lbs. require special use permit. Vehicles weighing under 850 lbs. require flotation and a permit.

All other Dane County Lakes

Vehicles weighing over 850 lbs. require special use permit. Vehicles weighing between 750 – 850 lbs. require flotation and a permit. Vehicles weighing under 750 lbs. have no restrictions.

Requirements

All vehicles requiring flotation and/or a permit must be inspected. Inspection dates, times, and location are listed below.

Snowmobiles – Require 16 cubic feet of flotation.

All Terrain Vehicles (ATV) – Require 5 cubic feet of flotation. *Note: ATV's are designed to float themselves, but not the passenger(s) and gear.*

INSPECTION FEE

There is a \$10.00 inspection fee for all new and renewal inspections. The fee is payable by cash or check (must have photo ID), and must be paid at the time of inspection.

Flotation

Flotation must be mounted as equally as possible, front and back, or side-to-side. The floats must be hard mounted to the machine (bolts, metal brackets, chain, cable, etc.). Nylon straps, bungee cords, ropes, etc. are not permitted.

The flotation material used is most commonly Styrofoam, either in sheets, blocks, or sprayed. Popcorn or peanut type packing material is not acceptable. The flotation should be enclosed/protected by wood, metal, aluminum, or plastic to prevent it from breaking. Air filled containers are not acceptable. Each cubic foot of flotation will float 60 lbs. Diameter measurements can be deceiving. Each diameter measurement listed below equals **one cubic foot** of flotation. If using cylinders, you will need to multiply the length times 5 for an ATV, and times 16 for a snowmobile to get the correct length of cylinder needed.

6 inch cylinder X 61 inches long
8 inch cylinder X 35 inches long
9 inch cylinder X 27 inches long

10 inch cylinder X 22 inches long
12 inch cylinder X 15 inches long
14 inch cylinder X 13 inches long

Inspections

Inspections are held at the Dane County Parks main office located at 4318 Robertson Rd., Madison, WI. (See map below). Inspections at this location are done only at the dates and times listed, **do not go to this address at any other time expecting an inspection.**

2009-2010 Dates

Thursday evening inspections will be held from 5:30pm to 7:30pm. Saturday morning inspections will be held from 7:30am to 9:30am. Times will be held firm.

December 5th (Sat), 10th (Thur), 12th (Sat), 17th (Thur), 19th, (Sat), 26th (Sat).

January 2nd (Sat), 7th (Thur), 9th(Sat), 14th (Thur), 16th (Sat), 21st (Thur), 23rd (Sat), 28th (Thur).

