

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife encourages safe summer boating

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In conjunction with National Safe Boating Week, May 16-22, 2026, the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources reminds boaters and motorists to be safe as they get out on the water and roads this summer.

Simple safety precautions help to minimize injuries and incidents. Kentucky Fish and Wildlife game wardens suggest the following tips when heading out on the water:

Wear a Life Jacket: Kentucky law requires each occupant of a boat to have ready access to a U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jacket that properly fits each person. Children younger than 12 must wear an appropriately fitting life jacket at all times while in the open portion of a boat that is underway. Life Jacket Loaner Stations, available in a growing number of locations across the state, allow boating parties to borrow life jackets temporarily. Make wearing a life jacket a habit for the boat operator and passengers.

Use an Engine Cut-Off Switch: It only takes a second for something to go wrong when operating a powerboat. Using an engine cut-off switch

is vital when unexpected emergencies happen, such as the boat operator or a passenger being thrown overboard. Automatically shutting down the engine can prevent injuries from a boat propeller or from striking other boats.

Boat Sober: Every year, alcohol is the leading cause of injuries and accidents on Kentucky waterways. Oftentimes, this leads to individuals leaving the lake and driving under the influence (DUI), putting everyone on the roadways in danger. Operating a vehicle or boat under the influence (BUI) is extremely dangerous, impairs judgment and reaction time, and is illegal.

Take a Safe Boating Course: Boaters should familiarize themselves with Kentucky boating laws, regulations and

navigation rules before heading out. While everyone can benefit by taking an easy online Boater Education Class, Kentucky law requires that youth 12 to 17 years old and unaccompanied must complete a boater safety course.

In the know

For emergencies, call 911. For assistance while on the water call **800-25-ALERT (800-252-5378)** or contact a local law enforcement agency or nearest Kentucky State Police post. Marine channel 16 can be used to contact a local marina.

The **Fish Boat KY smartphone app**, available for iOS and Android, allows boaters to buy a fishing license, find directions to local lakes, read fishing reports, learn about regulations, find fish stocking schedules, locate the nearest boat ramp and more. Download the app at Fish Boat KY App on the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife website (fw.ky.gov) or search for "Fish Boat KY" in your preferred app store.

Double Check Boating Equipment: Don't assume that boat equipment is still on board and in working order after the winter. Be sure to check the working condition and presence of all safety gear. Replace batteries and any equipment that may be missing or in poor working order.

Be Aware of Surroundings: Operator inattention and improper lookout are contributing factors in many boating accidents. Always stay focused and alert while operating a vessel. Pay

attention to water traffic, water levels, obstacles and swimmers in the water. Watch for signage and warnings regarding low-head dams or other dangers. Be aware that these dangers may not be marked.

Stay Weather Aware: Check the weather forecast and be prepared for changing conditions. Sudden storms or rough waters can pose significant dangers. Always have a reliable means of communication onboard to receive weather updates.

File a Float Plan: Provide boating plans with someone ashore before getting on the water. File a Float Plan with a friend or family member detailing the day's itinerary and all the people going out. In the event of an emergency, this information can be crucial for rescuers.

The Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Waterbodies Search webpage shows that Kentucky has many lakes and streams on

which to enjoy fishing and boating. Waterbodies may be affected by low and high waters given weather conditions or engineering work, so boaters are advised to check the status of boat ramps before leaving the house. Conditions may vary between waterbodies, which may cause a closure to some ramps but not others.

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Additional boating information can be found on Kentucky Fish and Wildlife's website at Boating - Kentucky Department of Fish & Wildlife. The department's 2026-2027 Kentucky Fishing and Boating Guide also provides basic boating information, including regulations, and can be viewed online or printed to keep in a boat or other type of vessel.

Of final note, Kentucky boat registrations expire April 30 each year, so owners who haven't already done so must renew them through their county clerk's office.

Questions on boating, regulations, education and more may be directed to the agency's information center at 800-858-1549, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (ET) weekdays, excluding state holidays.

Public Notice

HARRISON COUNTY FISCAL COURT

Accepting applications for full-time Parks & Rec Assistant Director

ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

The Harrison County Fiscal Court is now accepting applications for the full-time position of Cynthiana-Harrison County Parks & Recreation Assistant Director.

Applications may be obtained online at www.harrisoncountyfiscalcourt.com/news&info.

Applications can also be obtained at or mailed to: Harrison County Fiscal Court, 111 S. Main St., Ste 201, Cynthiana, KY 41031.

Applications will be accepted until 4:00p.m. on June 18, 2026.

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KENTUCKY AMERICAN WATER

Class	Gallons	Gallons	Gallons	Gallons	Gallons	Gallons	Increase
Residential							
0-100,000 Gallons	\$6.8550	\$0.68550	\$9.4547	\$0.94547	\$2.5997	\$0.25997	37.92%
Over 100,000 Gallons	4.7300	0.47300	9.4547	0.94547	4.7247	0.47247	99.89%
Commercial							
0-100,000 Gallons	\$6.8550	\$0.68550	\$9.6242	\$0.96242	\$2.7692	\$0.27692	40.40%
Over 100,000 Gallons	4.7300	0.47300	9.6242	0.96242	4.8942	0.48942	103.47%
Industrial							
0-100,000 Gallons	\$6.8550	\$0.68550	\$8.5162	\$0.85162	\$1.6612	\$0.16612	24.23%
Over 100,000 Gallons	4.7300	0.47300	8.5162	0.85162	3.7862	0.37862	80.05%
Other Public Authority							
0-100,000 Gallons	\$6.8550	\$0.68550	\$7.8881	\$0.78881	\$1.0331	\$0.10331	15.07%
Over 100,000 Gallons	4.7300	0.47300	7.8881	0.78881	3.1581	0.31581	66.77%
Sales for Resale							
All Usage	\$2.4890	\$0.24890	\$8.7371	\$0.87371	\$6.2481	\$0.62481	251.03%
	Per 100 Gallons	Per 50 Gallons	Per 100 Gallons	Per 50 Gallons	Per 100 Gallons	Per 50 Gallons	% Change
Miscellaneous							
All Usage	\$0.00000	\$0.00000	\$0.47387	\$0.23694	\$0.47387	\$0.23694	New Rate
Fire Protection:							
	Private Fire Line Size		Current Monthly Rate		Proposed Monthly Rate	\$ Change	% Change
	2"		\$46.16		\$14.00	(\$32.16)	(69.67%)
	4"		46.16		56.00	9.84	21.32%
	6"		46.16		125.55	79.39	171.99%
	8"		46.16		223.00	176.84	383.10%
	10"		46.16		348.25	302.09	654.44%
	12"		46.16		521.25	475.09	1,029.22%
	14"		46.16		502.00	455.84	987.52%
	16"		46.16		891.50	845.34	1,831.33%
	Private Fire Hydrant		46.16		120.00	73.84	159.97%
	Public Fire Hydrant		10.20		11.53	1.33	13.04%
	Ambleside Private Fire Surcharge		4.59		4.59	0.00	0.00%

Kentucky American Water has also proposed additions to its tariff to include a System Improvement Program surcharge that would apply to Residential, Commercial, Industrial, Other Public Authority, Sale for Resale, Public and Private Fire Service classifications for qualified infrastructure investments. This surcharge would be calculated annually based on forecasted qualified infrastructure costs and applied to each customer's monthly bill. Kentucky American Water is also proposing tariff revisions to (1) clarify its ability to inspect existing plumbing and (2) provide flexibility regarding the advance payment terms for private fire hydrants.

In the preceding paragraphs, "Black Mountain" refers to customers served by Black Mountain Utility District, as Kentucky American Water and Black Mountain have submitted a request to the Commission in Case No. 2026-00097 to transfer control of Black Mountain's assets to Kentucky American Water. Kentucky American Water is also including a request in this rate case regarding the valuation of the Black Mountain acquisition. "Livingston" refers to customers served by the City of Livingston, as the Commission approved the transfer of Livingston's assets to Kentucky American Water in Case No. 2025-00364. "Bell and Hickman Counties" refers to customers served by Water Service Company of Kentucky, Inc., as the Commission approved the transfer of Water Service's assets in those counties to Kentucky American Water in Case No. 2025-00171.

This application may be examined at the offices of Kentucky American Water located at 2300 Richmond Road in Lexington, Kentucky.

This application may also be examined at the offices of the Public Service Commission located at 211 Sower Boulevard in Frankfort, Kentucky, Monday through Friday from 8:00 am - 4:30 pm or on the Commission's website at <http://psc.ky.gov>.

Comments regarding this application may be submitted by mail to the Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort KY 40602; or through its website at <http://psc.ky.gov>.

The rates contained in this notice are the rates proposed by Kentucky American Water, but the Public Service Commission may order rates to be charged that differ from the proposed rates contained in this notice.

Any person may submit a timely written request for intervention to the Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602, which establishes the grounds for the request including the status and interest of the party.

If the Public Service Commission does not receive a written request for intervention within thirty (30) days of the providing of this notice, the Public Service Commission may take final action on the application.