

State Contacts for Lakes and Ponds

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Topic	Contact(s)
General Information	Jane Sawyers jane.sawyers@dem.ri.gov 401-222-6800 Ext. 2032
Aquatic Invasive Species	
Reporting or identifying aquatic invasive plants	RI DEM Office of Water Resources Katie DeGoosh katie.degoosh@dem.ri.gov 401-222-4700 Ext. 7211
Reporting or identifying aquatic invasive animals	RI DEM Division of Fish & Wildlife Alan Libby alan.libby@dem.ri.gov 401- 789-7481
Lake Management and Restoration	
Aquatic herbicide permits: treating nuisance plant growth with chemicals	RI DEM Division of Agriculture: Pesticide Unit Elizabeth Lopes-Duguay liz.lopesduguay@dem.ri.gov 401-222-2781
Wetland permitting: plant control via hand-pulling, mechanical means, lake drawdown, dredging, bottom barriers	RI DEM Office of Water Resources Water Quality & Wetlands Restoration Team Carol Murphy carol.murphy@dem.ri.gov 401-222-4700 Ext. 7208
Reporting or Identifying Algae blooms	RI DEM Office of Water Resources Jane Sawyers jane.sawyers@dem.ri.gov 401-222-4700 Ext. 2032
Reporting or Identifying Cyanobacteria, blue-green algae blooms	RIDEM Office of Water Resources Brian Zalewsky brian.zalewsky@dem.ri.gov 401-222-6800 ext. 7145 RI Department of Health – Environmental Health Risk Assessment Barbara Morin 401-222-3424
Water quality	RI DEM Office of Water Resources Sue Kiernan sue.kiernan@dem.ri.gov 401-222-4700 Ext. 7600
Stormwater management	Rhode Island Stormwater Solutions Alisa Richardson alisa.richardson@dem.ri.gov 401-222-4700 Ext. 7232 http://www.ristormwatersolutions.org
Recreation: Boating and Fishing	
Beach closures and advisories	RI Department of Health Amie Parris amie.parris@health.ri.gov (401) 222-7727 http://www.ribeaches.org
Boating registration & fishing licenses	RI DEM Licensing and Registration Margaret McGrath margaret.mcgrath@dem.ri.gov 401-222-6825 Ext.2102
Public boat ramps and restrictions	RI DEM Division of Fish & Wildlife Christine Dudley christine.dudley@dem.ri.gov 401- 789-7481
Freshwater fishing regulations, minimum size and bag limits, seasons and stocking	RI DEM Division of Fish & Wildlife Freshwater & Anadromous Fisheries Christine Dudley christine.dudley@dem.ri.gov 401- 789-7481
Safety	
Boating Safety	RI DEM Division of Law Enforcement Kurt Blanchard kurt.blanchard@dem.ri.gov 401-222-2284
Ice safety & Conditions	Rhode Island State Parks RI DEM 24-hour Ice Safety Hotline: 401-222-2632 http://www.riparks.com/IceSafety.htm For information on ice conditions in local communities, residents should contact their local recreation departments.
Dam safety	RI DEM Office of Compliance and Inspection Paul Guglielmino paul.guglielmino@dem.ri.gov 401-222-1360 Ext. 7122
Reporting violations, emergencies, suspicious activity or other complaints	
Reporting dumping, spills, pollution, wetlands violations or complaints	RI DEM Office of Compliance and Inspection 401-222-1360 8:30am–4pm. For after-hours <u>emergencies</u> contact the number below. For specific contacts, see: http://www.dem.ri.gov/topics/complain.htm
Emergencies	RI DEM Division of Law Enforcement 24-hour hotline 401-222-3070