



TOWN OF TRUCKEE 2023 WATERCRAFT INSPECTION PROGRAM

Q. What do I need to do to launch at Donner Lake?

A. Prior to a watercraft without a current Lake Tahoe inspection sticker being launched into Donner Lake for the first time in a season, the owner or operator of the watercraft shall submit a self-inspection form to the Town of Truckee and obtain an inspection sticker for the watercraft. The completed self-inspection form for the watercraft shall be kept in the watercraft and produced upon request of the Town of Truckee or its designee.

Q. How often do I need to be inspected?

A. All watercraft that has been in any other body of water, other than Donner Lake or Lake Tahoe, will need to complete a self-inspection prior to re-launching in Donner Lake.

Q. What type of stickers are available?

A. Watercraft owner or operators will have the option of a 2023 Donner Lake sticker and/or a current Lake Tahoe sticker.

Q. Can I launch at Donner Lake with a current Tahoe sticker?

A. Yes, however to re-launch in Lake Tahoe the watercraft will need to be re-inspected.

Q. What happens if I bring my boat into Donner Lake without a current program sticker and self-inspection form?

A. You may be subject to a fine of \$100 for the first violation and up to \$500 for subsequent violations.

Q. How long will the inspection process take, and if I need a decontamination where can that be done?

A. A typical inspection will take 5-10 minutes. Decontaminations are available at the Alpine Meadows Watercraft Inspection Station located at 255 Alpine Meadows Rd., Alpine Meadows, CA 96146. May 1st – September 30th from 8:30 am – 5:30 pm daily. The Truckee Airport location has closed permanently due to FAA permitting requirements. Capacity has been increased at the Alpine Meadows inspection station.

Q. How can I make sure there isn't a long line at the boat launch?

A. Coming during off peak hours (Monday-Thursday and after 1 pm) will help to ensure that you do not have a line at the inspection station.

Q. What can I do to expedite the process?

A. There are three main things you can do: 1) Have the 2023 Donner Lake sticker and/or a current Tahoe sticker. 2) Have the self-inspection form filled out prior to arriving at the launch and in the watercraft. 3) Make sure you pull your bilge plug after you boat for the day and that your boat is clean, drain and dry before you complete a self-inspection.

For questions regarding the Watercraft Inspection Program, please contact the Town of Truckee at <https://www.truckeepolice.com/support-services/watercraft-inspection-program/> or contact the Truckee Police Department at (530) 550-2323.