



Indiana Clean Marina Program

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Description:

The Indiana Clean Marina Program is voluntary and provides guidance and education to help marina and boatyard operators protect the resources that sustain their livelihood, including clean water and air, and healthy fish and wildlife. The goal of the Clean Marina Program is to reduce pollution associated with recreational boating facilities and protect the state's aquatic habitats.

Environmental impacts:

- The following pollutants are often generated at marinas and from recreational boating:
 - Petroleum hydrocarbons from fuel, oil, and solvents.
 - Nutrients and pathogens from overboard sewage discharge and pet waste.
 - Toxic metals and compounds from hull antifoulants, boat cleaning, and maintenance.
 - Liquid and solid wastes generated from general marina activities or engine and hull maintenance.
 - Sediments from parking lots, construction site runoff, and shoreline erosion.
 - Fish waste from dockside fish cleaning.
 - Invasive species introduced into the water from boats, trailers, and bait.
- Pollutants can concentrate in marinas since marinas are often in areas without water current or circulation because they are protected from wind and waves. Marina basins are often poorly flushed and are more susceptible to damage by pollutants.

IDEM's role:

- IDEM designates marinas as Clean Marinas if they meet the following requirements:
 - Meet all federal and state laws pertaining to their facilities.
 - Achieve a cumulative score of at least 80% of selected best management practices applying to their facility as listed in the [Clean Marina Guidebook](#).
- IDEM provides free technical support, such as guidance on best management practices and on-site assistance, for meeting legal requirements.

Clean Marina Program benefits:

- Clean Marinas are recognized and promoted through news releases, newsletters, and boating guides. The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) will provide Clean Marina signs and flags to display, and the Indiana Clean Marina logo may be used on the marina's letterhead, brochures, website, and other promotional items.
- Increase your customer base – Marinas will be able to use the Clean Marina designation as a way of promoting a cleaner and healthier facility.
- Marinas and boaters can enjoy cleaner waters, attractive shorelines, and improved water quality ensuring the marina's continued success and recreational enjoyment.
- Walk the talk – Marinas will be able to demonstrate that they are good stewards of the environment while asking patrons to do the same.

Additional information:

- For a copy of the Indiana Clean Marina Guidebook, visit <https://www.in.gov/idem/lakemichigan/resources/indiana-clean-marina-guidebook/>.
- For more information on becoming an Indiana Clean Marina, contact IDEM's Office of Program Support at 800-988-7901 or cleanmarinaprogram@idem.IN.gov.