



Ohio Clean Marina

What is the Ohio Clean Marinas Program?

The Ohio Clean Marinas Program is a proactive partnership designed to encourage marinas and boaters to use simple, innovative solutions to keep Ohio's coastal and inland waterway resources clean. The Program assists these operators in protecting the resources that provide their livelihood — clean water and fresh air.

The basic goal of the Program is environmental stewardship by making marinas and boaters more aware of environmental laws, rules and jurisdictions, and to get as many marinas as possible to follow best management practices and to be designated as "Clean Marinas."

Why be an Ohio Clean Marina?

- Reduce costs of waste disposal.
- Generate new sources of revenue.
- Attract and maintain responsible customers that will respect your property and follow best boating practices.
- Incorporate the Clean Marinas logo and certification in your advertising program.
- Self regulate. By obtaining Ohio Clean Marina status, you will meet the requirements of all state and federal agencies with regulatory authority applicable to marinas.
- Take satisfaction in doing your part to protect Ohio's waterways and protect your livelihood by promoting clean water and fresh air.

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How to Become an Ohio Clean Marina

1. Learn about the Ohio Clean Marinas Program.

Call the Clean Marinas Program Coordinator or visit the web page to obtain a copy of the Ohio Clean Marinas Program Guidebook and other program materials. Register for the next available Clean Marinas workshop.



2. Take the Ohio Clean Marinas Pledge.

By signing the pledge you commit to do your part “to improve water quality, encourage voluntary best management practices, reduce the need for regulatory process, create a strong environmental ethic, and promote individual responsibility through public education.” The pledge expires one year from the date you sign it. You will have one year to achieve Clean Marinas Status. During this year the Clean Marinas Coordinator will work with you to reach this goal. If in one year you are unable to obtain certification, an extension of the pledge may be granted based on the progress you have made.

3. Conduct a Self-Assessment of Your Marina Property.

Assess your own facility using the Ohio Clean Marinas Program Checklist and the Ohio Clean Marinas Program Guidebook. Do not become discouraged if you do not immediately meet the minimum requirements. Help is available! Contact the Clean Marinas Coordinator, he will assist you with reaching your goal and can also put you in contact with resources such as Ohio Clean Marinas Mentors and members of the Clean Marinas Advisory Board.

4. Schedule a Confirmation Visit.

Once you are satisfied that your facility will meet the Ohio Clean Marina designation requirements outlined in the Ohio Clean Marinas Program Checklist, call or e-mail the Ohio Clean Marinas Coordinator to schedule a site review. A Clean Marinas Site Review Team of 2-3 people will visit your facility to confirm the items on your checklist and verify your status.



5. Maintain Your Ohio Clean Marina Status.

Annually, confirm in writing that you continue to meet the designation standards described on the Ohio Clean Marinas Checklist, make note of any changes or additional items you have acquired. Once every three years the Clean Marinas Coordinator will contact you to set up a site review to reaffirm your Ohio Clean Marina status at a mutually convenient date.

6. Enjoy Your Rewards!

As a Certified Ohio Clean Marina you will be authorized to use the Ohio Clean Marinas logo on your letterhead and in your advertising. You will receive a certificate for display, a burgee, news release information, listing on the Ohio Clean Marinas web site, and many other benefits and incentives provided to certified marinas.

For more about the Ohio Clean Marinas Program, go to
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A list of documents you find on the web site will include the Ohio Clean Marinas Best Management Guidebook, Best Management Checklist, Clean Marinas Pledge, and Boater Tipsheets.