

## Notice of Permit

The Notice of Permit that must be displayed during dredging, removal of debris, and work on retaining walls, boat slips and boat launches is available:

- Online at [lcra.org/lakelowerings](https://www.lcra.org/lakelowerings).
- By calling LCRA Water Quality Protection at 512-578-2324.
- In person at the LCRA Western Maintenance Facility, 2643 Wirtz Dam Road, in Marble Falls, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

# Performing maintenance during Lakes Inks and LBJ drawdown

Property owners along Inks Lake and Lake LBJ may repair docks and retaining walls, dredge, remove debris and perform certain other maintenance activities during a lake drawdown in January-February 2020.

## Boat dock maintenance

Boat dock repairs performed during the lake drawdown do not require an LCRA permit, but must comply with the [Safety Standards for Residential Docks on the Highland Lakes](https://www.lcra.org/water/permits-contracts/docks-and-marinas/Pages/default.aspx), available online at <https://www.lcra.org/water/permits-contracts/docks-and-marinas/Pages/default.aspx>.

Residential docks exceeding 1,500 square feet may be required to obtain a residential marina permit under the [Highland Lakes Marina Ordinance](#). For more information on permitting requirements, contact LCRA Water Surface Management at 800-776-5272, ext. 2309.

## Dredging, removal of debris and other maintenance activities

Property owners are allowed to perform a number of activities, including dredging, removing debris and conducting maintenance on existing retaining walls, boat slips and boat launches, without an individual permit while the lake is lowered. The work is allowed on Inks Lake and Lake LBJ from Jan. 2 through Feb. 28, 2020, under LCRA's lakewide permits from the Army Corps of Engineers (USACE).

Anyone planning to perform maintenance under LCRA's permits must register with LCRA before the work begins. The property owner must display a Notice of Permit on-site during all work activities. Most construction and dredge and fill performed before or after the lakes are lowered require authorization from LCRA.

## Activities allowed under the lakewide permits

- Dredging up to 2,000 cubic yards of material to maintain access and navigability of the waterway.
  - Dredged material must be removed from the lakebed.
  - Dredged material must be disposed of above the ordinary high water mark – the top of the target operating ranges for Inks Lake and Lake LBJ. The material also must be protected with temporary erosion controls until it can be structurally contained or permanently stabilized with vegetation, so it does not re-enter the lake.
  - Dredged areas must be gradually sloped and smoothed to blend into the existing channel bottom contour and to prevent any irregular surfaces or cuts that might collapse or erode.
- Repairing existing structures such as retaining walls, boat slips or boat launches.
- Clearing debris from the lakeshore.
  - Material must be disposed of properly.

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## Activities not allowed under the lakewide permits

- Burning in the lakebed, which is prohibited by Section 26.121 of the Texas Water Code.
- Shoreline work in excess of 500 feet or dredging more than 2,000 cubic yards without notification to and approval by LCRA and USACE prior to the start of work.
- Reclamation of land lost to erosion or flood damage.
- Disposing of dredged material on sandbars or islands in the lakebed or along the shoreline.
- New construction. All new construction of retaining walls, boat ramps and channels must comply with LCRA's Dredge and Fill Standards.

*NOTE: Work performed after the lake is refilled is not covered by the lakewide permits. Property owners must obtain authorization from LCRA before working on a retaining wall, dredging or removing debris before or after the drawdown.*

Equipment should not be left unattended in the lakebed during the lake lowering and should be stored above the ordinary high water mark when not in use. LCRA may release water from upstream dams during weather or power emergencies with little or no advance warning.

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