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Greetings Milton Township Waterfront Property Owners!

It's finally dock season! Your township officials are working hard to ensure everyone has a fun, healthy and safe summer. This letter is to remind everyone that the enjoyment of the water is for us all. We are so fortunate we share such an amazingly beautiful place on the globe!

Last year, we received several calls regarding dock lengths and shoreline buffers so before the season starts, the Township wanted to remind everyone of the regulations in place.

Dock Length

For the safety of all who enjoy our lakes, the Township would like to remind all that there are restrictions in the ordinance regarding docks. Enclosed is a small excerpt from the ordinance with a few reminders. The full language can be found in Section 117.320 of the Zoning Ordinance on the Township website. The ordinance states:

Dock Length: No dock shall extend more than eighty (80) feet into a body of water, measured perpendicularly from the shoreline, unless necessary to reach water with a depth of four (4) feet, and then no further than necessary to reach such depth. Docks on a river shall conform to (EGLE) requirements.

Shoreline Buffer

For the quality of the lake, the Township has zoning regulations regarding buffering and plantings within 25 feet of any waters edge. If you are doing any work within 25 feet of the water, please contact the zoning office for more information on whether a permit is required and work that can be completed. This includes construction such as decks and stairs, as well as landscaping such as retaining walls, seawalls, and removal of trees.

We hope everyone has a fun, long and safe summer on our beautiful lakes!

Sincerely,

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Sara Kopriva & Jackie Petersen

