

## Handling Boat Sewage on Lake Lanier

Raw or poorly treated boat sewage is harmful to human health and the water quality of Lake Lanier. Handling boat sewage properly is important as typhoid, hepatitis, cholera, gastroenteritis, and other waterborne diseases may be passed directly to people who swim in contaminated waters.

On Lake Lanier, sanitary facilities must be permanently sealed to prevent discharge into the lake.

**It is unlawful to throw, discharge or abandon any foul or deleterious substance into Lake Lanier.**

To protect Lake Lanier water:

- Empty portable toilets at dump stations at Lake Lanier Marinas (See list below) with disposal service (PooToon) or at home.
- Use restrooms on shore whenever possible.
- Establish a regular maintenance schedule for your Marine Sanitation Device (MSD) based on manufacturer's recommendations.
- Avoid using additives like quaternary ammonium compounds (QAC) or formaldehyde in your holding tank. Use safer enzyme-based products to control odor and reduce solids.
- Consider installing a filtered air holding tank.
- Keep diapers, sanitary napkins, oils, solvents, and other harmful chemicals out of toilets and the lake.
- If using pump-out equipment, wash your hands with antibacterial soap after use.
- Dispose of your pet's waste properly.