



Frequently Asked Questions

1. Why is the water level in Lyman Lake lower than normal?

Due to the historic flooding event in February, the spillway at the dam was damaged. SJWD has stabilized the damaged area. However, at the request of the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC), the lake level must be lowered to help prevent water from overtopping the spillway and potentially causing more damage to the spillway.

2. Is the dam going to fail?

The dam is in no danger of failure. SJWD has taken measures to stabilize the area of the spillway damaged by the flood event and is in the process of repairing damages to the spillway.

3. How long will the water level be lower than normal?

It is very important to keep water from overtopping the spillway during the spillway repair construction so SJWD will need to lower the lake level until the spillway repair is complete. Construction is anticipated to start in July 2020 and be completed in late spring 2021 (April/May).

4. How low will the water level be allowed to drop?

SJWD anticipates that the water level will need to be lowered approximately 5 to 6 feet from normal pool (measured vertically). However, we will closely monitor weather conditions and make changes accordingly to ensure that water does not overtop the spillway during construction.

5. Do I need to remove my boat from the water?

Each individual property owner will need to decide whether to remove their boat from the water. SJWD will make every effort possible to notify property owners before a significant anticipated drop in lake level. Please keep in mind that a small vertical drop in water level could result in a large horizontal increase in exposed land, depending on the slope of the land in front of your lot.

6. I bought a boat permit for Lyman Lake. Will I get a refund?

SJWD will try to maintain the recreational use of Lyman Lake for as long as possible. However, if the lake level must be lowered to the point where the public boat landing is not safe to use, it will be closed. Should this occur for a significant amount of time, SJWD will adjust rates for purchase of 2021 boat permits accordingly for those customers renewing a 2020 boat permit.

7. How can I make sure I have the most up to date information?

SJWD has created a couple of ways for Lyman Lake residents to get updates about the lake.

- **“Lyman Lake Updates” Homepage:** You can find the link for this page at the bottom of SJWD’s home page. This page will be updated regularly as new information becomes available. <https://www.sjwd.com/lyman-lake-updates/>
- **Lyman Lake Resident E-mail Distribution List:** If you wish to receive emails regarding updates on spillway construction and alerts on water level changes, please send an email to lakeinfo@sjwd.com and we will add you to the distribution list.