



TOWN OF TRURO

NON-MOTORIZED WATERCRAFT

STORAGE REGULATIONS

2024

Purpose:

The Town of Truro Non-Motorized Watercraft Storage Regulations have been established to provide effective utilization of the Town's coastal and inland water venues. This shall be done by controlling the placement of all vessels, establishing delineated storage spaces and annual removal. These regulations will ensure that the fragile coastal environment is protected for all to benefit in the future.

Requirements:

The Town of Truro requires a current Non-Motorized Watercraft Storage Permit for any vessel that is stored at the designated storage areas.

Fees:

A Resident sticker is \$45.00 per year (May 15 - October 15) per storage space. (Defined below).

Permits: Issued annually.

Locations:

- a) Corn Hill Beach, Corn Hill Rd, Truro, MA 02666

**Applications:**

- a) Applications will be accepted between January 1 through March 1 on the Beach Office Department's web page <https://www.truro-ma.gov/truro-beach-office>.
- b) Each Watercraft Storage application must have its own application fee (cannot use one check for multiple applications).
- c) Applicants may only apply and receive (1) space per year.

Terms of use:

- a) Only one watercraft vessel is permitted to occupy a storage space.
- b) Available May 15 - October 15
- c) Storage is only permitted at designated spaces.
- d) No storage of other beach equipment i.e., umbrellas, beach toys, beach chairs... is allowed. These items will be confiscated.

Permit Requirements:

- a) With limited space at each location, storage space must be actively used.
- b) Starting on July 1, any space left empty for 14 continuous days or more will be forfeited, and that storage space will be offered to the next person on the waitlist.

Suitable Vessel:

- a) Fits within the designated storage space (20' x 10').
- b) Does not impair the use of other storage space permit holders.
- c) Does not negatively impact natural resources.

Stickers:

- a) Must be current.
- b) Must match the storage space number and location and permit information.
- c) Must be visible – the sticker shall be attached to the aft port side of the vessel above the waterline.

Selection Process:

- a) A random selection process from all the applications received by March 1 will take place by the Deputy Community Service Director: Recreation and Beach, to fill storage spaces.
- b) Successful applicants will be sent a notification by email with an invoice .
- c) Payment is due within 30 days of being notified. Failure to remit payment will result in the forfeiture of the space for that calendar year.
- d) Once payment is received, the sticker with the storage space location and number will be mailed to the successful applicant.
- e) The number will correspond with a number on the storage space.
- f) If all spaces are not filled using the random selection process, additional spaces will be filled on a first come first served basis starting with any current waiting list.

Waiting list:

- a) When all storage spaces are filled, a wait list will be established using the same random selection process.
- b) The wait list is for a calendar year only. Spaces will be filled the following year using the same random selection process described above.

Responsibilities:

- a) The Town of Truro shall not be responsible for any lost, stolen, or damaged vessels stored at town owned storage spaces.
- b) The town shall not be responsible for any injuries resulting from moving watercraft to the designated storage areas.
- c) Vessel owners/operators will be held responsible for any damage caused by them or their vessels.

Permit Inspections:

The Program Supervisor – Beach Office, will inspect all vessels stored at Town of Truro storage locations. If any vessel does not have the current, visible permit, the Program Supervisor – Beach Office will contact the Truro Department of Public Works to remove the vessel. At no time shall vessels be stored outside of the designated Town of Truro storage areas.

- a) **Non-permitted Vessel:** Any vessel that is not in compliance with the regulations will be tagged with a violation notice, stating the date, nature of the violation and contact information.
- b) Efforts will be made to notify the vessel owners.
- c) If no notice is taken within 48 hours of the initial notice, the vessel will be removed and stored at the DPW facility.
- d) There will be a \$5.00 per day storage charge assessed, which must be paid before the vessel will be released to its owner.

Abandoned Vessel:

- a) Any vessel that is left in the designated storage area outside of the permitted dates (May 15 - October 15) without the permission of the Program Supervisor – Beach Office, will be tagged with a violation notice, stating the date, nature of the violation and contact information.
- b) Efforts will be made to notify the vessel owners.
- c) If no action is taken within 48 hours of the initial notice, the vessel will be removed and stored at the Truro DPW facility.
- d) The Town of Truro shall not be responsible for loss of property considered abandoned under this regulation.

Vessel Storage:

- a) Any vessel removed will be held at the Truro DPW Facility until the owner has been notified, vessel is claimed, storage fees paid, or for one year at which time the vessel is considered an abandoned vessel and may be disposed of in the best interest of the Town of Truro.

Violations:

Any person who violates any provision of these regulations shall be punishable by a fine of up to \$50.00 for each offense, and/or loss of ability to obtain a storage space permit for the following year.

Storing a watercraft or going into the water is a personal choice and people need to manage their own risk.

To be eligible for a Resident Non-Motorized Watercraft Storage Sticker, the applicant must be one of the following:

- 1. A registered voter in the Town of Truro.***
- 2. Listed as a year-round resident on the Town of Truro Street listing. If not listed, a copy of a year-round lease or a letter from your landlord is required. Vehicles must be registered in the Town of Truro at that address and driver's license in Massachusetts RMV records must reflect the Truro address as well. In accordance with Massachusetts General Law Chapter 90, Section 26A, within 30 days of an address change you must notify the MA RMV.***
- 3. The spouse or domestic partner of a listed property owner with the same year-round address on a Driver's license, picture ID or Student ID.***
- 4. The dependent of a listed property owner with the same year-round address on a Driver's license, picture ID or Student ID.***
- 5. Property owner of record in the Barnstable County Registry of Deeds.***
- 6. Active military personnel whose home of record is Truro.***
- 7. The owner of record of a property held in trust, owned by an LLC or other legal entity.***
- 8. Possess a valid Beach Sticker to park in the town owned beach parking lots from the 3rd Saturday in June to Labor Day, between the hours of 9:00 am and 4:00 pm.***