

# MORRIS LAKE FISHING PERMIT APPLICATION



DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**Anyone between the age of 16 and 69 must have a valid NJ Freshwater Fishing license to fish the fresh waters of New Jersey with handline, rod and line, or longbow and arrow. This includes privately owned lakes and other waters.**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ AGE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CELL PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

FISHING DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

GUEST 1: \_\_\_\_\_ AGE: \_\_\_\_\_

GUEST 2: \_\_\_\_\_ AGE: \_\_\_\_\_

- Check here to acknowledge on behalf of your guest(s) and yourself you have read the attached "RULES GOVERNING FISHING AT MORRIS LAKE RESERVOIR" and agree to abide by them.
- Check here to certify each member of your party between the age of 16 and 69 has a valid NJ Freshwater Fishing license.
- Check here if you plan to use an electric motor and certify you possess a current NJ Boater Safety Certificate.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ on behalf of myself and any of my guests (\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_) waive, release, and forever discharge the Town of Newton, its employees, Manager, Council members, officers, directors, members, agents, (collectively referred to as "Newton") and each and every one of them from any and all liability, causes of action, claims or demands, arising in law or equity, of any kind, including but not limited to personal injury, death and/or property damage, as a result of my fishing at Morris Lake Reservoir. I also release and forever discharge Newton from any loss or damage to any materials and/or equipment used in connection with my use of Morris Lake Reservoir and its facilities. The obligations under this waiver shall survive any expiration or termination of this waiver for the applicable statute of limitation period and shall not be limited by any insurance coverage. I understand that the Town of Newton's insurance does not apply to my use of the Morris Lake Reservoir. The Town of Newton shall be named as an additional insured to any insurance contract to which this application applies.

I shall indemnify, defend with counsel of Newton's choice, and hold harmless Newton, from and against all claims, demands, liabilities, losses, damages, penalties, and cost, foreseen or unforeseen, including without limitation counsel, and other professional or expert fees, which Newton may incur, including claims by me or any of my guests or invitees resulting directly or indirectly, wholly or partially from any actions or omissions. My obligation shall include payment of Newton's professional and expert fees, and legal fees, including any legal fees and costs that may be incurred in enforcing this Agreement. My obligations under this paragraph shall survive any expiration or termination of this Agreement for the applicable statute of limitations period and shall not be limited by any insurance coverage. My indemnity obligation under this Agreement shall apply regardless of whether caused in whole or in part by an action or omission of me, my guests, or the Town of Newton.

I hereby acknowledge that fishing at the Morris Lake Reservoir involves the risk of serious injury and/or death and/or property damage and I agree that this Agreement extends to any acts or omissions by Newton. I understand that nothing herein effects application of the New Jersey Tort Claims Act or the Landowner's Liability Act to the Town regarding this unimproved public property. I assume all risks incidents for my operations and activities on Morris Lake Reservoir and its facilities owned by the Town of Newton. I covenant and agree not to make a claim against or file any legal proceeding of any nature against the Town of Newton for any injury to person or property occurring during or arising out of the use of the Morris Lake Reservoir and its facilities at any time.

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Town of Newton Representative – Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

A fee of \$25.00 (\$20.00 for persons over 62 years of age) must accompany this application.

**Office use only:**

Date Paid \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Check \_\_\_\_\_ Check No. \_\_\_\_\_ Credit \_\_\_\_\_

License No.: \_\_\_\_\_

# TOWN OF NEWTON

## RULES GOVERNING FISHING AT MORRIS LAKE RESERVOIR

1. Open only to Town of Newton employees, Newton residents and up to two (2) guests. Guests must be accompanied by a resident who must remain with guests at all times.
2. The individual obtaining the permit must be 18 years of age or older.
3. Fishing permitted between hours of sunrise and sunset only.
4. No picnicking or alcohol is permitted.
5. Contact Town Clerk's Office for a serial numbered written permit, stating time, and date. The Town Clerk will issue a non-transferable permit.
6. Where more than one request for permission to fish for the same date occurs, preference will be given on the basis of the one calling first, except if one person has fished the lake in the past fourteen (14) days, then all others requesting permission shall have preference.
7. A fee of \$25.00 per permit (\$20.00 for persons over 62 years of age) will be charged and is payable to the Town of Newton upon issuing said permit.
8. Written permit to be left in mailbox marked "Fishing Permits". Town employees will collect and return permits to the Town Clerk weekly with notation if any member of the party violated these rules. The Town of Newton will keep a record of all persons fishing at the lake.
9. Fishing during open water season limited to one party of not more than three (3) persons at a time. All State Fishing Regulations must be followed and fishermen must have current required license(s). All persons in boat **must wear life preservers** which are furnished by Town.
10. Fishing parties will use the Town's boat. NO other boats are permitted on the lake. ONLY electric motors may be used. Anyone planning to utilize an electric motor must maintain a current NJ Boater Safety Certificate and provide a copy to the Town Clerk's Office.
11. NO SHORE FISHING IS PERMITTED. No fishing is permitted in the restricted area identified on the map or near the spillway.
12. Town employees have the right to inspect all bait to prevent any undesirable bait from being used. No "trash" fish may be used as bait, such as, but not limited to, carp, goldfish, suckers, chubs, etc.

# **TOWN OF NEWTON**

## **RULES GOVERNING FISHING AT MORRIS LAKE RESERVOIR**

13. Individuals granted permission to fish in the lake must use every precaution to protect this public water supply and avoid damage to trees and all Town property.
14. No litter or rubbish shall be left in the boat, or on the reservoir property.
15. No fires will be permitted.
16. No motor vehicles of any type will be permitted past the parking area.
17. No Refunds – Rain or Shine.
18. No gas augers allowed.
19. A Morris Lake Fishing Permit Application must be completed and provided to the Town Clerk prior to entering the reservoir property. Any and all guests must be listed on the Morris Lake Fishing Permit Application.
20. The Town maintains the right to refuse to issue a permit to any individual for any reason, including for violation of these Rules.