

What's the Problem with Dock De-icers?

Improper installation and use of a de-icer can:

- Lead to widespread thin ice which poses a recreational hazard
- Stir up lake sediment which reduces water clarity and releases nutrients stimulating the growth of algae and cyanobacteria
- Allow more light into the lake year-round, increasing plant growth and disrupting a lake's natural winter resting period
- Lead to high monthly electrical bills



TOO MUCH OPEN WATER CAUSED BY DOCK DE-ICER

***DON'T IMPEDE YOUR NEIGHBORS'
SAFE ACCESS TO THE ICE!***

Best Practices for Dock De-Icers

- Use an appropriately sized de-icer, a timer **and** thermostat to minimize the ice-free zone around your dock
- Set timer and thermostat to operate de-icer only a few hours a day when air temperature falls below 32° F — device does not need to run 24/7 to be effective
- Routinely check the device to make sure it is operating correctly and adjust settings accordingly
- Install required “Danger Thin Ice” warning signs—it’s the law!



JUST THE RIGHT AMOUNT OF OPEN WATER



LSPA

Lake Sunapee Protective Association

603.763.2210

lakesunapee.org

*Scan the QR code for more
information about dock de-icers*

