

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR RENTAL OF BENTHIC BARRIERS (BENTHIC MATS) BY TOWN RESIDENTS

The Town of Cazenovia Town Board hereby established the following Rules and Regulations (*Effective May 1, 2016, last revised June 9, 2025*)

1. These rules and regulations will govern the administration and regulation of the Town of Cazenovia's Benthic Barrier/Benthic Mat Program, designed to facilitate the control of Eurasian watermilfoil and other invasive weeds bordering certain areas of Cazenovia Lake. The Town of Cazenovia in administering this program reserves the right to modify, update or repeal, in whole or in part, any of these rules and regulations by resolution at any time. Final interpretation of these rules and regulations rests exclusively with the Town of Cazenovia Town Board. All property owners will be required to comply with the following Rules and Regulations as a condition to the rental of Benthic Barrier Mats:
2. Town and Village residents are allowed to rent mats pursuant to these Regulations.
3. Property owners will be limited to a total (maximum) of four (4) mats per owner (*i.e.* per property tax parcel) per year (unless additional inventory becomes available after all owners' initial requests have been addressed). (Each individual mat is approximately 12.5' x 20' section or approximately 250 sq. ft. In certain areas, a smaller mat measuring 7.6' x 20.4' or approximately 155 sq. ft may be used and will be considered equal to one larger mat).
4. Annual rental cost per Benthic Mat shall be set at \$115.00 per mat (\$0.46/sq. ft.), subject to annual adjustment by the Town Board. The rental fee includes the rental of the mat, installation of the mat by the Town's retained contractor, removal of the mat by the Town's retained contractor, pick-up and storage by the Town of Cazenovia. Installation and removal will be on the dates and times designated by the Town of Cazenovia and its contractor.
5. No mats may be installed in any sensitive areas in the Lake. Please contact the Town of Cazenovia prior to rental with respect to the allowed locations for the installation of mats.
6. Mats must be rented on an annual basis and will be issued on a first come, first served basis. Supplies of mats are limited to existing Town inventories and there is no guarantee of availability.
7. Each renter will be required to sign a Rental Agreement at the time of rental.
8. In the event additional inventory becomes available, additional mats may be rented on a first come, first served basis.
9. Each renter will be required to release the Town of Cazenovia from any liability associated with the renting, installation, removal and use of the mats.
10. Mats may only be installed within the period of time set by the Town of Cazenovia Town Board. The selected period of time shall be designated so as to create the least amount of impact on fish spawning seasons.

11. No Planning Board approval will be required for the rental and/or placement of Benthic Mats.
12. The renter shall be required to clearly locate the area within which it desires the placement of the rented mat. The Town of Cazenovia and/or its contractor will supply flagging materials to determine placement of the mats. The Town and its contractor reserve the right to designate final location based on safety and cost factors.
13. It is anticipated that the installation contractor will accomplish placement of all mats during the same time period. Renters are encouraged to coordinate with the contractor to be available at the time of installation.
14. Renters will be required to cooperate with the placement process in order to ensure appropriate installation and to avoid any delay in same.