

New Law Regulates De-Icing Systems

The Town has passed a law regulating the use of [de-icing systems in the Lake Overlay Zone](#). This step supports safety and environmental protection around Oquaga Lake.

! What You Need to Know

- **New Law Adopted:** Regulates de-icing system use within the Lake Overlay Zone.
 - **A Permit is Required:** All bubbler systems must have a Permit.
 - **Approved by Members:** At the 2023 OLIA Annual Meeting, homeowners voted without opposition to ask the Town for this law. This vote was re-affirmed during 2024 OLIA Annual meeting as well.
 - **Town Adjustments:** The law was refined over the summer based on resident feedback before passage.
 - **Agitator De-Icing Systems are Prohibited :** Bubblers are permitted when properly configured with timer and thermometer
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Background

This issue has been under discussion within OLIA for several years. During that time, the Board published voluntary guidelines for the use of ice-eaters and bubblers, but compliance remained low. At the 2023 OLIA Annual Meeting, membership voted without opposition to request the Town adopt a law to support enforcement. Following that decision, many homeowners voluntarily converted to bubbler systems—a change that has been greatly appreciated by both the Board and fellow homeowners.

Next Steps & Where to Find Details

- **Review the Law:** A [full copy](#) of the ordinance is available through the Town Clerk's office and on the Town website.
 - **Obtain a Permit:** All bubbler systems must have a Permit.
 - **Compliance Timeline:** Immediate. Homeowners should review their de-icing systems before the upcoming winter season to ensure they have obtained a Permit and meet the new requirements.
 - **Questions or Guidance:** Contact the [Town of Sanford](#) for Permitting requirements.
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