

DOCK CLASSIFICATION MATRIX

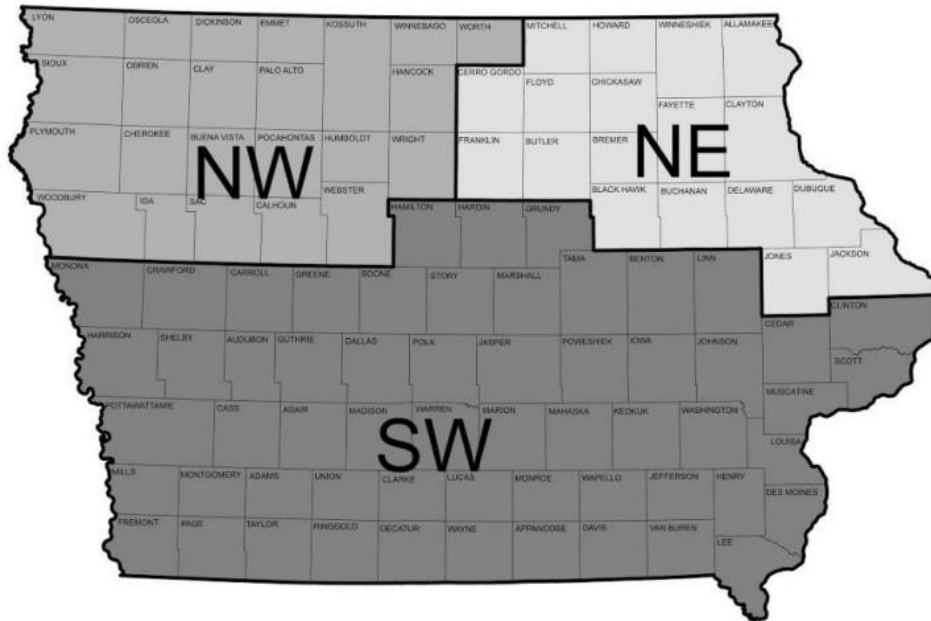
The matrix below covers the different types of docks. This matrix is not exhaustive, it is meant as a quick tool for helping you determine which classification would apply to your dock. A more comprehensive way to determine which dock classification is right for you is to read the overview for each dock. Please go to <http://www.iowadnr.gov/Recreation/Boating/DockPermits.aspx> for more information. Below are the four classes of docks.

- Class 1 – Standard Private Dock
- Class 2 – City or County Authorized Dock
- Class 3 – Non-Standard Private Dock
- Class 4 – Commercial Dock

You may also want to read Chapter 16 of Iowa Administrative Rule 571, which is available on the Iowa DNR website.

Dock Feature	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4
Allows swim raft, swim platform, trampoline, mooring buoy or other structure.		X	X	X
Allows for more than one dock.		X	X	X
Serves one shoreline residence and allows up to two hoists/lifts/slips/racks – must meet criteria of one hoist/lift/slip/rack for each ten ft. of shoreline.	X			
Allows for a Common Dock serving up to three residences (adjoining shoreline properties) and allows up to three hoists/lifts/slips/racks per residence – must meet criteria of one hoist/lift/slip/rack for each ten ft. of shoreline and Class 1 criteria. A common dock must have a seasonal or permanent residence on each property on the shoreline.	X			
Serves a property without a seasonal or permanent residence.			X	
Serves a property that is not owned, leased or rented by dock owner.			X	X
Serves a condo unit, apartment complex or homeowner's association.			X	
Allows one hoist/lift/slip/rack for every 10 ft. of shoreline.			X	X
Can apply for an Exception – Platform size (L or T) – any section of dock wider than 6'; Length of dock; Number of hoists/lifts/slips/racks (this number includes PWC hoists, mooring buoys and all other hoists/lifts/slips/racks; Dock offset.		X	X	X
Permit fee required (permits valid up to 5 years).			\$125 every five years	\$250 every five years
Administrative fee of \$50 annually for each hoist/lift/slip/rack in excess of a total of 4 hoists/lifts/slips/racks.			X	

Administrative fee of \$50 annually for each hoist/lift/slip/rack in excess of a total of 6 hoists/lifts/slips/racks.				X
Maximum size limit of "L" or "T" portion (natural lakes only).	200 sq. ft./20 ft. or less		240 sq. ft.	
Dock lengths on natural lakes. These lengths shall be measured from the water's edge when the dock is installed.	100 ft. or far enough so that the outer 50 ft. of the dock is in 3 ft. of water up to 300 ft.		100 ft. or far enough so that the outer 80 ft. of the dock is in 3 ft. of water up to 300 ft.	
Dock lengths on artificial lakes or rivers. Measured from the water's edge at normal water levels.	The lesser of 50 ft. from the water's edge or one-fourth of the width of the waterway			



Please contact the appropriate Regional Office where dock is located if you have questions. Addresses are listed below.

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