

DROUGHT LEVEL 1

According to a recent news release, in response to the dropping pool elevations at Hartwell and J. Strom Thurmond Lakes, the three reservoirs on the Upper Savannah River operated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Savannah District, have triggered water lake level management actions.

Entering Drought Trigger Level 1 activates the Corps of Engineers' Drought Management Plan, which conserves water in the reservoirs by reducing the outflows from the Thurmond Dam. Water managers also adjust Hartwell releases, as needed, to stay in balance with Thurmond Lake. Reducing outflow decreases the amount of hydropower generated through the dams but conserves water in the reservoirs.

April through July 2024, rainfall totaled about 90 percent of the average for Hartwell and 99 percent for Thurmond. Inflows have averaged between 72 and 85 percent for the last four months. The reservoirs experienced similar inflows last year resulting in even lower pools last fall. The National Weather Service is predicting above normal rainfall and temperatures for the next three months.

Currently, boat launches are open, swim beaches have approximately two feet of water, and camping, boating, skiing, fishing and other forms of recreation continue. As always, safety officials urge the public to use caution when boating, swimming or fishing. As the reservoir levels decline, underwater obstructions will be closer to the surface.

The congressionally authorized purposes of the reservoirs include water supply, water quality, recreation, flood risk management, navigation, hydropower production, and fish and wildlife management. More than 10 public water systems and industrial users draw water directly from the reservoirs. Even more draw from the Savannah River downstream of Thurmond Dam.

Collectively, water from the three reservoirs is used or withdrawn by municipalities intakes (not released through the dam) at an average of 51.1 million gallons per day (MGD). During the summer, an estimated 650 MGD is lost each day to evaporation from the three reservoirs.

TRASH TANK

Lake Hartwell Association (LHA) recently partnered with Lake Hartwell Partners for Clean Water to unveil their latest tool to battle litter. It is the innovative "Trash Tank" litter clean up boat!

LHA has supported this new tool with financial contributions.

A ribbon cutting ceremony was held on August 28. More information regarding the ceremony and new boat will be featured in an upcoming LHA newsletter.

Splash Away The Trash Event: Fall 2024

Join us for a weekend of community service and environmental stewardship across Lake Hartwell! Let's unite for a cleaner, greener environment!

CHOOSE A LOCATION

**CHECK-IN SATURDAY
9.14.2024
9.00 am - 12.00 pm**

VISIT ONE OF OUR LOCATIONS TO GET YOUR SUPPLIES: THEN, PICK UP TRASH ANYWHERE AROUND THE LAKE!

Scan the QR Code for more info:



Find more information on site locations:
www.lakehartwellpcw.com/events

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**It's easy! Scan the code, pick a site,
sign up, & show up to participate!**



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NEWS HIGHLIGHTS - FALL 2024

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JOIN US FOR THE 2024

Lake Hartwell Association Annual Member Meeting

FOR THE SAKE OF THE LAKE - CLEAN & SAFE

7:00 P.M. on Thursday, September 26th

Civic Center of Anderson, 3027 Martin Luther King Jr, Anderson, SC and Live Stream to Hart County Adult Learning Center, 110 Benson St. Hartwell, GA

6:30pm – Doors open - Registration

7:00pm – 8:30pm Meeting & Forum with Guest Speakers

Anderson County Sheriff - Marine Unit

US Army Corps of Engineers

Remarks from Col. Ronald J. Sturgeon, Commander, Savannah District Leadership

Stan Simpson, Yearly water level update

Remarks from Hartwell Dam & Lake Project Management

Space is limited, RSVP for your seat, send to mail@lakehartwellassociation.org with the following information by Monday, September 23: 1. LHA Member Name(s) & guest name(s) 2. Contact phone number 3. Location attending

Members & Future Members Welcome - For the Sake of the Lake!

