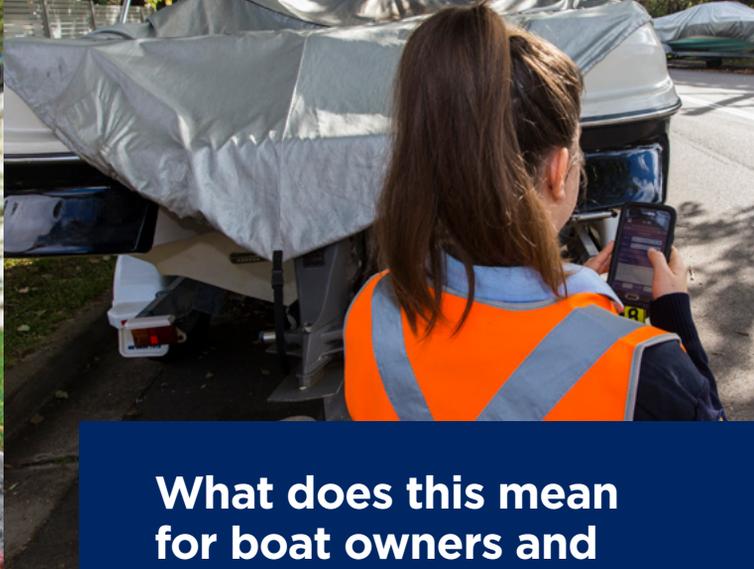


Introducing new boat trailer parking laws.

An opportunity to protect
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What does this mean for boat owners and local residents?

It's true. Parking your boat trailer on a local street is convenient. However, some owners have left their trailers unattended in streets for extended periods of time – and this has had a negative impact on neighbourhoods and the community at large.

As a result, NSW councils will now have the authority to impound boat trailers (and the boats they carry) if they have been parked on residential streets for more than 28 days.

In areas where these new laws apply, you will need to move your boat trailer every 28 days **at least as far as a different block section of the same street.** If this does not happen, a boat trailer (and any boat it carries) may be impounded.

For more details on how these new laws apply to the local government area where you're parking your boat or where you're a resident, simply visit olg.nsw.gov.au/boattrailers

However, if you **park your boat trailer in an area where you don't live**, you should also contact the council responsible for that location.

A council's obligations to boat trailer owners before impounding.

If you're concerned about how quickly your boat trailer could be impounded, please be assured that local councils must give owners at least 15 days' notice before impounding a trailer (and any boat it carries). So you'll have time to seek an alternative solution for parking your boat / trailer.

However, if your boat is impounded you should also be aware that a council has the authority to –

- » **Charge** owners for the costs associated with a boat trailer (and boat) retrieval from an impounding facility (this includes impounding and administrative fees).
- » **Sell** an unclaimed boat trailer (and boat) after an appropriate holding period.



Where do the laws apply?

Councils must opt-in to enforce the laws. In other words, these laws will not automatically apply in every part of NSW. For further information visit olg.nsw.gov.au/boattrailers

The new laws will also not apply when a Residential Parking Permit has been issued by a council and is displayed on the boat trailer.

Ensure your registration details are up to date.

It is important to ensure both your boat and trailer registration details are up to date so council officers can contact you if they intend to impound your trailer. To check visit rms.nsw.gov.au or call **13 22 13**.

The Government is working towards providing better boat trailer solutions for you.

As part of the NSW Boating Now program, the NSW Government will invest approximately \$5 million into an initiative that will help deliver new boat trailer parking solutions. For more details please visit transport.nsw.gov.au

Need more information?

To find out whether or not the new laws will apply to you, and how they may affect you, please contact your local council or the council responsible for the area where you park your boat trailer.

For further details and a map of areas where the new laws apply visit olg.nsw.gov.au/boattrailers