

*Welcome to our Community!*

You likely came to cottage country for the same reasons we do. Escape from the hustle and bustle of urban life into the great outdoors. You've come to the right place! We have fresh air, a clean spring-fed lake, abundant wildlife, starry skies and so much more. Here is what we all do to keep it that way & why.

**Garbage** is put out on pick-up day only which is Monday. Overnight garbage is placed in an animal proof bin. Ask a neighbor if you can use their bin if needed. If you are composting – know what should not be put in

Garbage left overnight can be attacked by animals including bears. Bears will return to the same spot they found “food” in for up to 5 years. Then the remains of the torn apart garbage need to be cleaned by others

**Phosphate free** products are chosen for washing and cleaning. We never wash in the lake

Phosphates and other harmful chemicals make the way into the lake promoting excess plant and algae growth

**Septics** are kept in good working order by limiting the water entering them, regular pumping, and keeping chemicals and non-degradable items out of them

Letting the system break biodegradable waste down limits the possibility of harmful bacteria, phosphorus and nitrogen entering the lake

**Food** is not left outside overnight and **BBQ's** are cleaned so animals are not attracted Never leave food out overnight or in tents.

Wildlife and cottagers live together safely when they respect each other's boundaries. . Read up on what to do if you encounter a bear.

**Boats** used in other water bodies are cleaned, dried and drained before launching in our lake. Bait buckets and live bait are never emptied into the lake

Invasive species such as zebra mussels and spiny water fleas can spread between water bodies causing disease and damage in native species

**Campfires** are enjoyed safely. Fire Danger Ratings are available at 1-877-847-1577 and posted on Fraserburg Rd. Fires aren't set when windy. Limits to fire width and height are 2m (6.5ft). Don't leave your fire unattended. Keep a water source handy. Douse your fire thoroughly when finished.

The closest fire station is far away enough that a spreading fire poses significant danger to all of us!

**Vegetation** in and around the shoreline is kept natural and purposely not cut or fertilized. Refrain from cutting or clearing away “debris”.

Shoreline vegetation filters out septic effluent and runoff. It is a home for fish, frogs, and turtles. Short grass attracts Canada geese.

**Lead sinkers** are not used and **fishing line** is retrieved whenever possible

Line and sinkers left behind can - and have - trapped and poisoned wildlife such as loons.

**Wildlife** is viewed from a safe distance and not harassed. Power boats stay 100M from loons

We value the creatures here for their beauty and a sign of a healthy environment

**Enjoy** your time here. Be aware if pets, excessive noise and lights are interfering with relaxation or star gazing

We have a small lake so our neighbors are close. We all unwind in different ways so let's all respect that.

Feel free to join the conversation on our lake blog at <<http://leechlake.blogspot.ca/>>".

*We hope you take home some great memories of your stay!*