

Stewardship BINGO with FOCA!

Mark off each action you take at your property to help protect water quality & healthy waterfronts:

Maintain SEPTIC SYSTEMS in good order, with appropriate service checks	Plant or maintain healthy TREES on your property	Share tips for healthy shorelines with a neighbour	Don't pollute the lake (that includes no bathing in it!)	Join your local Lake ASSOCIATION
Consult authorities & obtain required PERMITS prior to construction or reno projects	Report finding a turtle, loon, frog or other sign of a healthy lake in a volunteer "count"	Minimize speed and boat wake near shore to prevent erosion or loon impacts	Read FOCA's "Shoreline Owner's Guide to Healthy Waterfronts"	Minimize the amount of LAWN, and keep it far back from shorelines to prevent runoff
Enhance BIODIVERSITY: leave natural aquatic plants & sunken trees as fish/frog habitat	Find out about volunteer opportunities at the lake		Avoid the use of harsh CLEANSERS or other household chemicals	Get on the FOCA E!ert (e-news) list for cottage country updates
Avoid hard surfaces (paved driveways) that increase runoff to the water	Consult authorities & obtain required PERMITS prior to construction or reno projects	Avoid the use of fertilizers, pesticides or herbicides	LEARN: Attend a talk or webinar about water quality or environmental topics	Clean+Drain+Dry boats, or similar actions to prevent the spread of invasive species
Become a FOCA Individual or Family Supporter	Stop mowing the grass. Instead: more hammock time!	Visit the FOCA website for resources: https://foca.on.ca	Limit light pollution with downward-facing fixtures	Maintain or restore a NATURAL SHORELINE

Tally all your actions. How'd you rate?

<p>12 or more = Stellar Steward! You're an ambassador for healthy waters & can spread the word to others.</p>	<p>5-11 = Water Winner! Keep up the good work and try "leveling up" this year by choosing 2 additional actions.</p>	<p>0-4 = Potential Protector! Pledge to become part of the solution for Ontario's waterfronts this year.</p>
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Unsure why one of the actions above is important?

Learn more here:

<https://foca.on.ca/shorelines-stewardship>



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