



Landscape your shoreline for a healthier lake

Qualify for FREE shoreline landscaping or FREE plants!

LakeWise is a voluntary program where landowners are recognized for making small changes on their properties to prevent pollution (especially phosphorus pollution). As part of LakeWise, Snohomish County is offering two programs to help you create a healthy shoreline. Working together we can keep Snohomish County lakes healthy for the future.

Option 1: Free Shoreline Landscaping*

This option is for landowners that live on select lakes and are willing to create a 35-foot deep shoreline planting, while leaving areas for swimming and boating access. You will have an opportunity to work with a professional landscape architect to create a customized planting plan, receive free plants and have them installed by Snohomish County.

Option 2: Free Northwest Native Plants

This option is for all lake landowners willing to create a 15-foot deep shoreline planting, while leaving areas for swimming and boating access. The County will provide free native plants suitable for lakeshore edges. Landowners agree to plant these along their shoreline and maintain them.

**View a
comparison**

See details for each option listed in the chart on the back.

**Get
started**

To confirm your interest or to learn more, contact Marisa Burghdoff at 425-388-3204 or email marisa.burghdoff@snoco.org



Healthy shorelines are simply lake edges that have a border of plantings like shrubs, trees, or perennials instead of lawns or turf grass. Everyone can have a healthy shoreline while still enjoying lake access and views.

Healthy shorelines help your lake by:

- Trapping and filtering pollution from runoff
- Removing 80% more phosphorus than lawns do
- Providing great habitat for birds, turtles, frogs and other aquatic wildlife.

Healthy shorelines help you:

- Improve privacy while keeping your views
- Reduce mowing and lawn maintenance
- Keep geese in the water and out of your yard
- Prevent or reduce shoreline erosion
- Increase your property values



Learn more about the LakeWise program at www.lakewise.org.



Option 1 and Option 2 Comparison

	Option 1* Shoreline Landscaping	Option 2 Northwest Native Plants
Minimum Planting Area	35 feet deep from shoreline	15 feet deep from shoreline
Landscape design	Free customized professional design for your site conditions and plant preferences	Free planting templates and plant lists to get you started
Plants (subject to availability)	Free Northwest native plants suitable to your site conditions provided by County	Free Northwest native plants suitable to your site conditions provided by County
Site preparation	Lawn removal, invasive plant control, mulching etc. provided by County	Landowner responsibility
Planting and installation	Free planting and installation provided by County	Landowner responsibility
Maintenance	Landowner responsibility	Landowner responsibility
Landowner commitments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commit to LakeWise certification • Allow access for County to complete project • Purchase any ornamental plants • Allow photos of project 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commit to LakeWise certification • Plant within 30 days of your chosen delivery date • Submit photos of planting
Timing	Limited number. Sign up no later than July 2016	Participate at any time – plant availability may vary
Steps	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Have a LakeWise site visit 2. Confirm your interest 3. Complete agreement 4. Determine schedule 5. Start design & implementation 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Have a LakeWise site visit 2. Confirm your interest 3. Complete agreement 4. Select plants and timeline 5. Send photos of planting

* Option 1 is geographically restricted based on grant funding to 11 lakes in Snohomish County which include: Crabapple, Echo, Flowing, Howard, Ketchum, Ki, Loma, Lost, Panther, and Shoecraft, and Sunday—see www.lakes.surfacewater.info for lake locations and maps.

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