



You are part of a lake community

Even if you don't live right on the lake, runoff from your property still drains into the lake. Simple changes on your property can reduce pollution to the lake.



Properties in the white area on this example map are uphill and drain into the lake. Properties in the green area slope away from this lake and drain to other lakes or streams.

For more information about the LakeWise program and to learn how you can make a difference, visit:

LAKEWISE.ORG



Toxic algae blooms can make lake water unsafe for people and pets.



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**Clear choices
for healthy lakes**

Your lake is in trouble!



Your lake is suffering from too much phosphorus, which can cause:

- ▶ Excessive algae
- ▶ Toxic algae blooms
- ▶ Reduced water clarity
- ▶ Stress on fish
- ▶ Reduced property values

Phosphorus pollution comes from:



fertilizer



septic systems



bare soil/erosion



pet waste



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Make “Clear Choices” for Healthy Lakes

By making the clear choices below, you can improve the health of your lake and your property will be recognized with a “LakeWise Certified” sign. Shoreline landowners can also qualify for a “Healthy Shoreline” recognition.

Lawns & Yards

- ▶ Avoid fertilizer or use phosphorus-free products (“0” in the middle of the label).
- ▶ Attend a FREE natural lawn care workshop (sign up at www.lakewise.org).
- ▶ Divert roof and driveway runoff to stable, vegetated areas.
- ▶ Fix eroding areas and cover bare soil with mulch or plants.
- ▶ Scoop pet waste, bag it and place it in the trash.



Septic Systems

- ▶ Schedule routine inspections with a certified professional at least every 3 years.
- ▶ Attend a FREE septic care workshop (sign up at www.lakewise.org).



Shorelines

- ▶ Re-establish shoreline vegetation by replacing some lawn with other plants such as shrubs, perennials and trees.
- ▶ Maintain existing natural shorelines.