

Pledge to Protect the Watershed

If you live, work or play within the Lake Leelanau Watershed, your support is needed to protect and preserve this beautiful area now and for future generations. By taking the Lake Steward's pledge, you agree to adopt the following best practices to guide decisions you make that involve your property and the property you use.

Check as many as possible from the following list.

I (we) hereby pledge to....

Shoreline

- Start a greenbelt on my shoreline or maintain an existing one
- Stop mowing my lawn seven feet from the water's edge to start a greenbelt
- Use lake or creek water irrigation (vs. well water)
- Rake and remove leaves and grass clippings to keep them out of the water
- Contact the Lake Leelanau Lake Association about shoreline protection best practices when considering alterations near my shoreline.

On Land

- Preserve wetlands on my property
- Construct driveways, patios and paths of pervious materials to prevent run-off
- Keep storm drains free of anything except run-off
- Plant a tree and/or incorporate native plants
- Use only eco-friendly soaps and detergents, and never in the lake
- Use hazardous collection sites to dispose of harmful items
- Use only eco-friendly pesticides/fertilizers if any at all
- Properly store any fertilizers, pesticides and fuels

Disposal of Non-Native Species

- Dispose of bait, plants, aquatic animals and fish from aquarium and ponds in the garbage...never in the lake

Septic System/Holding Tanks/Well

- Have my septic system inspected regularly (every 3-5 years) and pumped when indicated
- Avoid using bleach and commercial products that claim to maintain the tank/septic system
- Avoid the use of garbage disposals

Watercraft and Recreation

- CLEAN, DRAIN, DRY AND DISPOSE watercraft before/after use in any other body of water to stop the introduction and spread of aquatic invasive species
- Be mindful of your wake near shore to reduce erosion and excessive sedimentation
- Inspect my boat for fuel/oil leaks

I (we) hereby pledge to protect Lake Leelanau Watershed and implement the checked items above.

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Type of address

- Property address
- Mailing address
- Permanent address

Signature _____

Date _____

Email _____

- Please do not publish my name in the Annual Report

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