

Be a Lake Leelanau Steward.....Take the Pledge

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 with some or many of the following best practices for your property:

Example Best Practices for Lake Leelanau

Shoreline

- Start or maintain a natural vegetative buffer (greenbelt) on my shoreline.
- Stop mowing the lawn at least 35' from the water's edge to create my greenbelt
- Use lake or creek water irrigation (vs. well water)
- Keep raked leaves, grass clippings, and fire pit ashes 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 reduce run-off
- Keep storm drains free of anything except runoff
- Plant a tree and/or incorporate native plants
- Use only eco-friendly soaps and detergents, and never in the lake
- Use hazardous waste collection sites to dispose of harmful items
- Use only eco-friendly pesticides/fertilizers (if any at all)
- Properly store fertilizers, pesticides and fuels
- 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
- Reduce use of garbage disposals – try composting!

Watercraft and Recreation

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

I (we) support efforts to protect the Lake Leelanau Watershed and to implement the best practices checked above.

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email: _____

Circle type of address used:

- Property address
- Mailing address
- Permanent address

Circle your choice:

It is [OK] or [NOT OK] to print our names in the Association's Annual Report.

If you would, please return a copy to:

Lake Leelanau Lake Association

P.O. Box 123 Leland, MI 49654

Or send a photo of the form to 231-944-9509 or nanook551@gmail.com

Thank you for your support!

If you have any questions or desire further information about the Lake Leelanau Stewards Program, please contact our Lake Steward Ambassador Nancy Popa at the contact info immediately above.

