

## ***PLEASE HELP US PROTECT LOON LAKE!***

We know you have come to enjoy the beauty and serenity of Loon Lake. Both the Loon Lake Association and the Loon Lake Watershed Improvement Alliance, along with the many homeowners around the lake, work hard to preserve and improve the quality of the lake as well as the safety of its users. We hope you will help us as much as you can. Here are some ways you can help.



**Please don't put anything in the lake that you would not put in your own child's next glass of water.** This applies to putting anything into creeks, streams, culverts or ditches that eventually run into Loon Lake. Why? It is because our lake is used for many sources of water.

### **No human/pet waste**

- Consult a professional and pump your septic system or holding tank as needed.
- Failed septic? Consider installing an anaerobic system.
- Pick up after your pet! Use a bag and dispose of pet waste properly. Pet waste can contain as many as 75 diseases and viruses.
- Do not bathe pets in the lake.

### **No fishing waste**

- Kill and dispose of leftover bait in the trash. **DO NOT** release bait into the lake.
- Do not clean fish and/or put remains into the lake.

### **Do not feed the geese & ducks.**

- Feeding wild fowl encourages them to stay around the lake and eliminate their

**waste into the lake. This waste deposits nitrogen and phosphorus into the lake and encourages weed and algae growth.**

**No hazardous material such as fertilizers, herbicides, household chemicals or poisons**

- Do not pour any of the above down sinks or toilets.**
- Have your soil tested and then only use slow-release fertilizer without phosphorus on your lawn.**
- Use environmentally friendly cleaning supplies and phosphorus-free laundry detergents if washing your house, deck or boat. (Norwex sells environmentally friendly cleaning products.)**

**No garbage**

- Do not leave anything on the ice after fishing or other sports.**
- Do not use a garbage disposal.**
- No leaves or grass clippings; consider mulching weeds and grass.**

**No oil, gas, fuels, paints or solvents**

- Use care when fueling your boat or personal watercraft.**

**Fire**

- Campfires should burn firewood, not garbage or leaves.**
- Use only locally obtained firewood to control diseases that kill/harm trees.**
- Do not put ashes into the lake.**
- Remember to be mindful of your neighbors with your campfire smoke.**

**Noise**

- Remember to be mindful of your neighbors with late evening noise. This includes fireworks/ firecrackers, music, barking dogs and raucous conversational noise. Sound travels well over water.**

**Limit runoff.**

- Explore and consider the use of rain gardens, terracing, crushed rock, natural ground cover or other means to slow or eliminate runoff into Loon Lake.**