

ENVIRONMENTAL GUIDELINES FOR BEAR AND CUB LAKES

YOU Can Make A Difference!

SANITARY FACILITIES: Septic tank facilities require routine maintenance and should be checked and/or cleaned every three years. New installations and replacements must comply with all local health department requirements.

DETERGENT USE: Minimize the volume of detergents used and utilize bio-degradable detergents where possible. Detergent nutrients can travel to ground water and result in lake contamination even though some distance away.

BATHING: Refrain from bathing and washing hair, dogs, vehicles, etc., with soaps in the lake. Violators can be prosecuted.

LITTERING: Remember that all trash pollutes. Keep cans, bottles, waste paper, oil, cigarette butts, etc., out of the water.

FERTILIZERS: Avoid use of fertilizers on lakefront lawns since the resulting runoff and seepage into the lake has an explosive effect on weed growth. Use Formula 20-0-3 (No Phosphorus). (One source of supply is Kalkaska Feed & Supply.)

LEAVES: Leaves and debris contain large amounts of phosphorus which accelerates lake aging. Leaves should be raked away from the water's edge and disposed of rather than be allowed to settle into the lake.

EROSION CONTROL: Keep land alterations to a minimum. Remember that all property development must conform to building and zoning regulations.

BOATING: Observe 11:00 am to 7:30 pm period for high speed boating, skiing, tubing, jet-skiing, etc. Follow state safety and boat operation laws.

WILDFOWL: Do not feed ducks, geese, or other swimming species, to discourage their use of our lakes. It is documented that they are carriers of a parasite that causes "Swimmer's Itch."

**THE CARE YOU TAKE TODAY
WILL HELP KEEP OUR LAKES BEAUTIFUL TOMORROW**

Bear Lake Township Improvement Association