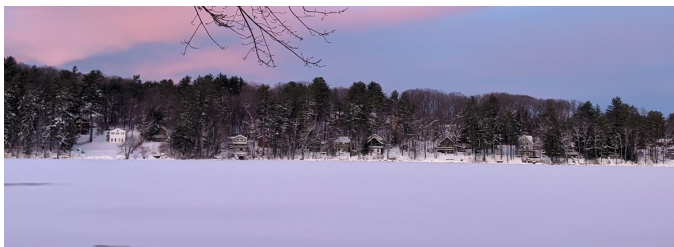


Winter Tips for Lake-Friendly Living

Your lake-friendly projects don't need to stop just because of a snowy landscape!



Our frozen lakes offer beauty and recreational opportunities during the long winter.

Whether you enjoy ice fishing, wildlife tracking, ice skating, cross-country skiing, or winter photography, there are many ways you can give back and keep our lakes clean and healthy during winter!



Don't be salty! Manage ice on your property in a safe and lake-friendly way.

- Use preventative anti-icing techniques like salting 1-2 hours before a storm begins: tinyurl.com/reducing-salt
- Sweep up and reuse leftover de-icing materials.
- Hire a Green SnowPro certified contractor for plowing and encourage your neighbors and municipality to do the same.

Read more about Green SnowPro: tinyurl.com/snow-pro

Salt is toxic to freshwater plants and animals and is quickly building up in our lakes. The only way to protect lakes from this "forever" pollutant is to reduce salt use!



Use a dock bubbler on a timer.

Make sure to set devices on a thermostat or timer. Opening up more ice than needed during the winter can stress aquatic organisms, allow algae, toxic bacteria, and invasive plants to grow, and cause safety concerns. Avoid agitators which disturb bottom sediment and can leak oil into the water.



Swap to phosphate-free cleaning alternatives.

Phosphorus speeds the growth of plants, algae, and harmful cyanobacteria blooms in lakes. It can be in many cleaners! Even plant-based products can contain phosphates. Brands of cleaning products that do not contain phosphates include Mrs. Meyers, Method, and Seventh Generation. Or, try making your own using this easy guide: tinyurl.com/alt-home-products

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