

Best Practices

1. Prune Trees: don't remove them.
2. Replace solid surfaces with porous materials to absorb runoff.
3. Leave grass 3 inches high so grass doesn't dry out.
4. Leave a vegetation buffer along the shoreline. Plant native trees/shrubs to reduce runoff/erosion.
5. Don't "armour" your shoreline, use natural materials and vegetation for erosion control.
6. Create dry land beach above the HWM.
7. Use an electric motor, or 4 stroke motor that exceeds EPA guidelines.
8. Docking: use steel piles, or floating to minimize impact to fish habitat.
9. Properly maintain your septic system.
10. Use biodegradable and natural cleaning products without phosphates or harsh chemicals.



Poor Practice

1. Cleared lot, no buffer of vegetation.
2. Solid surfaces accelerate erosion, allow pollutants and silt to transport into lake.
3. Chemical fertilizers and pesticides runoff and degrade water quality.
4. Lawn to the waters edge is susceptible to erosion, slumping and does not filter runoff.
5. Hardened shorelines deflect erosion downstream, eliminates natural filtering and degrades habitat.
6. Artificial beaches: Sand washes away & deposits elsewhere, clogs water lines, may create navigation hazards, and destroy fish habitat.
7. 2 stroke engines dumps 25-40% of fuel into water and air.
8. Cribs occupy habitat and alter currents.
9. Malfunctioning septic seeps phosphorous and bacteria into waterways.
10. Household chemicals impact water quality.

