

A HEALTHY WATERSHED STARTS WITH US!

A Message from the Kezar Lake Watershed Association and the Selectmen of Lovell, Stow, and Stoneham, Maine

OUR CONNECTION

As residents or visitors of the watershed, we are intimately connected to all the plants, animals, and other natural resources in the area.

OUR IMPACT

Our actions have an impact on the health of these natural resources, the status of which drives quality of life for people and wildlife and influences property values.

OUR RESPONSIBILITY

We each must do our part to protect the quality of our lake, ponds, streams, and forests. See reverse side for specific actions that you can start doing now!

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US

Lake/Ponds

Loons

Aquatic Plants

Forests

Birds

Streams

Wetlands

Animals

Fish

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BE A CONSCIENTIOUS CITIZEN OF THE WATERSHED: the pollutants that our actions generate within every square foot of the watershed will eventually make their way to our streams, ponds, and lake. KLWA is requesting that you do your part to minimize those pollutants and protect our watershed for future generations, particularly in light of already-apparent climate change effects.

WAYS WE CAN HELP PROTECT OUR LAKE, PONDS, AND STREAMS

THE PROBLEM

Human activities within the watershed can increase the amount and transport of harmful pollutants and can introduce dangerous foreign material to area surface waters.

THE CAUSE

Pollutants can enter the lake and ponds directly or via streams in eroding sediment, groundwater (e.g., aging septic systems), or stormwater runoff (e.g., overland flow from hard surfaces).

THE SOLUTION

We can help protect our lake, ponds, and streams by reducing, diverting, and infiltrating surface runoff, minimizing pollutants, and maintaining shoreline, streamside, and wetland buffers.

Use the checkboxes to mark off actions you are already doing (thank you!) and make a plan to mark off more!

FREE assistance is available to assess your property's condition in meeting good watershed protection practices. Contact Betty Smith, LakeSmart Consultant at bgreatful41@gmail.com.

Become a certified lake monitor to track water quality.

Follow Maine's regulations for timbering to minimize impacts.

Crown roads, vegetate ditches, install turnouts and waterbars to direct water to forest.

Enjoy loons from a distance.

Launch boat at Town ramp with inspection station for invasive plants.

Ensure culverts are adequate size for flow volume.

Maintain or enhance buffer with native vegetation (mix of trees, shrubs, and groundcover).

Reduce household chemical and phosphorus-based product use.

Pump septic system every 3-5 years.

Remove fishing line from water.

Stabilize and meander pervious pathways

Keep leachfield clear of trees.

Use lead-free lures.

Remove dock each fall.

Wash car and boat in area where runoff is absorbed into ground.

Direct roof runoff to rain garden or trench.

Minimize and define parking area.

Clean up auto fluid leaks with cat litter.

Dispose of gas and used oil at local auto repair shops.

Store gas and oil in approved secondary containers. Handle carefully where spills may enter or runoff to surface waters.

Leave duff and grass clippings.

Minimize lawn area and cut grass to 3".

Dispose of pet waste in trash or toilet.

Watch for aquatic invasive plants in the water and on boats, especially milfoil. Report suspicious aquatic plants to Lovell IPP Committee at LIPPC125@gmail.com.

No wake within 200' of shore

Avoid using fertilizers, herbicides, and pesticides within 150' of lake, ponds, and streams.

Plant or mulch all bare soil.

Stabilize shoreline by leaving rocks and plants.

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MISSION STATEMENT

Our purpose is to preserve, protect and maintain the ecological, scenic and recreational resources of Kezar Lake and its watershed for the benefit and enjoyment of residents, summer residents, and visitors, now and in future generations.