

# SHOW YOUR LOVE

A GUIDE TO TREATING YOUR LAKE AND NEIGHBOURS RIGHT!

## We all love our Almaguin lakes.

Here's what we have to do to keep them healthy, safe and enjoyable for all:

### NOISE

Please watch noise levels, especially between 10 pm and 10 am. Sound travels and disturbs wildlife and people.



### SOAP

Please keep soap out of the lake. It alters lake chemistry. Even biodegradable soap- it's only meant to degrade in soil.

### FISHING

Wildlife gets tangled up in abandoned fishing lines; instead, throw them in the garbage. Also, replace lead sinkers. They are toxic.



### FEEDING WILDLIFE

Animals shouldn't be given human food; it makes them sick and makes them into pests. Please don't feed any wildlife (ducks and chipmunks etc.).



### MOTORIZED BOATS

For the safety of people and wildlife, and to prevent shoreline erosion, boats need to be driven at least 30 m from shore. And, when approaching the shore, the speed limit is 10 km/hr.

### SEPTIC SYSTEMS

All cottages use a form of septic system. To stop them from overloading- conserve water, have your tank emptied regularly, and manage the number of guests at any one time. Leaky septic systems can lead to blue-green algae, among other problems, which is so toxic it can make the lake unswimmable.



### FIREWORKS

While fireworks are fun, sadly they leave behind lead and carcinogens. They also terrify wildlife and alter their behaviour.

FOR QUESTIONS OR MORE INFORMATION, CALL

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### WITH THANKS TO ELCA

Post these tips on your fridge, share them with friends and continue to treat your neighbours and lake right!

