

## **Tips For Cottaging More Lightly**

1. **Don't use soap or shampoo in the lake...ever.** Bio-degradable soap only breaks down on land, not in the water. Stock up on greener cleaners.
2. **Reduce water consumption and save your septic system.**
3. **Sniff out a sick septic tank and have your tank pumped regularly.**
4. **Stoop and scoop after your pooch.**
5. **Kick the lawn habit especially close to the water; allow it to return to natural vegetation; and don't use fertilizers.**
6. **Don't use lead weights when fishing and fish only during the fishing season. Don't bring in live baitfish; it is prohibited in the park.**
7. **Boat responsibly, especially in narrows and near marshes; wakes are a common cause of baby loon deaths. Wakes are also rough on the shoreline, docks and swimmers.**
8. **Sound travels farther over the water; please be sensitive to others and respect the North Kawartha Township noise curfew of 11:00 pm.**
9. **Maintain your boat and motor. Refuel on land where spills can be picked up.**
10. **Reduce light pollution.**
11. **Keep the water edge natural. A permit may be required for any work below the spring high water mark. Dock extensions now require a permit from the Park and only natural wood or MicroPro Sienna pressure treated wood) is allowed below the water level.**
12. **Park rules prohibit ATV use except for cottage access or during the Hunting Season. This effectively means that ATVs cannot be used on trails or roads between May 24<sup>th</sup> and September 1, and then only with a valid hunting license.**
13. **Let your guests know what is acceptable on an environmentally sensitive lake.**
14. **Include these and other tips in any rental agreements that you may make.**
15. **Post these tips permanently in a highly visible place in your cottage.**
16. **In doubt about something...ask your director, or a member of the Lake Steward Committee! We will be glad to arrange for a site visit, suggest an expert or point you to helpful information sources.**

***Persistent problems with neighbours including noise and loud parties are best dealt with through conversation. If you are uncomfortable or intimidated about talking to your neighbour, we would first suggest consulting the By-law officer for the Township of North Kawartha at 705-656-4445 Ext 23 referencing the noise By-law #17/04. If you feel threatened, we highly recommend removing yourself to a safe area and consulting the police and phoning 1-888-310-1122 for a non-emergency or 911 for an emergency.***