GOOD NEIGHBOUR CODE

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Preserving Muskoka for Future Generations

Cottaging is a great way to share time with family and friends and your waterfront is where it all starts. Whether you're an owner, family member or guest here is the **RECOMMENDED GOOD NEIGHBOUR CODE** to help keep your shoreline in harmony.

I WILL

- Remember that all noise, including casual conversation and barking dogs, carries significantly as it travels over the water surface.

- Not inflict my taste in music on my neighbours.

- Do my best to let my neighbours sleep in (a bit) by delaying use of power tools until after 9am.

- Let my neighbours know of pending tranquility interruptions such as a party. Perhaps I may invite them.

- Share the waterfront by limiting oversized inflatables and watercraft operations close to shore (water skier dock drops excepted).

- Reduce my wattage and unnecessary outdoor lighting so that we can see the stars and make night boating safe.

- Maintain my shoreline vegetation to reduce erosion and preserve water quality.

- Minimize my near shore wake to maintain natural habitat and avoid damage to my neighbours'

- watercraft and property by observing the 9k speed limit.

- Keep my septic system in good working order to help preserve water quality.

- Obey fire bans, including fireworks, and obtain necessary permits for daytime burning to prevent wildfires.

- Manage my garbage in a responsible fashion using animal proof containers.

- Install a blue warning light and "Danger Open Water" sign when using a bubbler.

- Opt for boat exhaust systems and settings that minimize noise pollution.

- Ensure that everyone in our family who drives a boat is qualified to do so and possesses a valid boating license.

- Not bathe in the water with soapy products because this contributes to poor water quality.

DISCLAIMER: These are probably behaviours that you and your cottage family members are already aware of and adhere to, however, it would not hurt to put them on your fridge!

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