

Environmental "Do"s and "Don't"s

Water quality: A stewardship that we share

- Maintain natural ground cover and encourage tree growth, particularly near the lake, to ensure minimal erosion, and help prevent nutrients from entering the lakes. This will enhance water quality and improve fish habitat. The County Shoreline Tree Preservation By-law, (#3505), regarding no lakeshore tree cutting is enforced in Harcourt Park.
- Please use truly environmentally friendly products such as non-phosphate soaps and biodegradable cleaners, using them sparingly and never near or in our lakes.
- Please be extra cautious with pesticides, fuels, lubricants, solvents and other chemicals. These toxins can cause irreparable damage to our aquatic ecosystem.
- Chemical fertilizers are banned in Harcourt Park.
- Remember to get dock and shoreline permits for any modifications or new construction. An environmentally responsible individual uses untreated wood, and does not dredge or fill the bottom. Please see By-law number 47.
- No watercraft or marine equipment of any kind may be placed in any Harcourt park waterway or lake if it has been in a water body outside Harcourt Park in the past five days. Watercraft, trailers and motors must be dry for 5 days and be thoroughly washed down with a solution of 10% bleach and water. Please see By-law number 45.
- A newer septic system requires little maintenance and some common sense. Allow it to keep up to your demands. Minimize input of paper, soaps and chemicals. Is there fecal coliform in your lake?