

What Can You Do to Protect Our Waterways?

INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY OWNER MANAGEMENT TECHNIQUES.

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- Reduce the frequency and amount of **fertilizers, herbicides, and pesticides** used for your lawn care.
- Use only **phosphorus-free fertilizers**
 - The middle number on the fertilizer package listing should be **0** for the nutrient ratio **Nitrogen : Phosphorus : Potassium**.
- Consider re-landscaping lawn edges, particularly those along watershed lakes and streams, **to include low profile prairie species** that are capable of filtering runoff water better than turf grass.
- Keep organic debris like lawn clippings, leaves, and animal waste **out of the water**.
- Consider planting **native emergent vegetation** along shorelines or existing seawalls to provide fish and invertebrate habitat and dampen wave energy.

- Consider replacing or refacing concrete seawalls with **glacial stone seawalls**.
- Obey **no-wake zones**, especially in shallow water.
- **Examine all drains** that lead from roads, driveways, or rooftops to the watershed's lakes and streams; consider alternate routes for these drains that would filter pollutants before they reach the water.
- Clean boat propellers after lake use and refrain from dumping bait buckets into the lake to **prevent the spread** of exotic species.
- **High speed boating can impact wave height**, resulting in more wave action and sediment resuspension, **especially in shallow water**.

The map below shows areas of Oliver Lake which measure 10 feet or less depth. Be sure to boat at no wake speeds in these areas.

