

Lake Friendly Living Coalition

FLX NEW YEARS RESOLUTION

2023



Remove Snow and Ice the Lake Friendly Way

ALTERNATIVES TO STANDARD ROCK SALT, LIKE MAGNESIUM CHLORIDE AND CALCIUM MAGNESIUM ACETATE, ARE LESS DAMAGING TO ECOSYSTEMS. SHOVEL BEFORE SALTING, AND PRE-SALT BEFORE A STORM.



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Take the Lake Friendly Pledge

TAKE THE LAKE FRIENDLY LIVING AND LAKE FRIENDLY LAWN CARE PLEDGE TO SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR THE LFL PROGRAMS THROUGHOUT THE FINGER LAKES!

[TAKE THE PLEDGE](#)

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Participate in Lake Friendly Living Awareness Month

JOIN THE LAKE FRIENDLY LIVING COALITION DURING LAKE FRIENDLY LIVING AWARENESS MONTH AND PARTICIPATE IN WORKSHOPS, WEBINARS, AND VOLUNTEER EFFORTS TO SUPPORT THE HEALTH OF OUR LAKES!

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Swap Incendiary Flares for LED

TRADITIONAL FLARES CONTAIN HARMFUL CHEMICALS THAT POLLUTE OUR SOIL AND WATERWAYS. SWITCH TO LED FLARES TO LIGHT UP YOUR SUMMER HOLIDAYS THE LAKE FRIENDLY WAY!



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Test your Soil & Limit Fertilizer

CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXT. VOLUNTEERS WILL TEST YOUR SOIL FOR AS LITTLE AS \$2 TO DETERMINE IF YOUR SOIL NEEDS FERTILIZER. FALL IS A GREAT TIME TO FERTILIZE NATURALLY WITH YARD COMPOST AND MULCHED LEAVES!

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Watch Your Waste

SWITCH TO BIODEGRADABLE PLATES & CUTLERY, AND COMPOST FOOD SCRAPS. CONSIDER YOUR GIFT WRAP, LIGHTS, AND DECORATIONS CAREFULLY! SHOP LOCALLY, SUPPORT SMALL FARMS, AND BRING YOUR OWN BAG!

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Learn About Your Local Lake Association

EACH LAKE HAS ITS OWN LAKE ASSOCIATION WITH GREAT RESOURCES ON LAKE FRIENDLY LIVING. VISIT THEIR WEBPAGE TO LEARN ABOUT THE MANY WAYS WE CAN IMPROVE FINGER LAKES' WATER QUALITY TOGETHER!

Plant Natives & Reduce Invasives

NATIVE PLANTS ARE CRUCIAL FOR POLLINATORS AND WILDLIFE, AND THEY REQUIRE LESS WATER AND FERTILIZER. AVOID INVASIVE PLANTS THAT CAN SEVERELY IMPAIR NATIVE PLANTS AND SPECIES' ABILITY TO THRIVE.



Inspect your Septic

SEPTIC SYSTEMS SHOULD BE INSPECTED FREQUENTLY TO MITIGATE RISKS OF NUTRIENT RUN-OFF INTO OUR LAKES. CONTACT YOUR COUNTY FOR INFORMATION ON INSPECTIONS AND SCHEDULE AN INSPECTION



Use Water Wisely

PLANTING DROUGHT-RESISTANT PLANTS, USING A RAIN BARREL TO COLLECT WATER, AND USING DRIP IRRIGATION OR SPRINKLER AT THE COOLEST TIMES OF DAY ARE A FEW WAYS TO CONSERVE WATER THIS SUMMER.



Compost or Bag Your Leaf Litter

MINIMIZE DEBRIS IN STORMWATER DRAINS BY UTILIZING YOUR MUNICIPALITIES YARD DEBRIS PICK-UP SERVICES IN SPRING AND FALL. MULCH YOUR LEAVES INTO NATURAL COMPOST FOR YOUR GARDENS.



Year End Evaluations of property and LFL practices

ASSESS YOUR PROPERTY AND PLAN FOR LAKE FRIENDLY SUCCESS IN 2024. FIND GREAT PROPERTY ASSESSMENT TOOLS ONLINE

[ONLINE ASSESSMENT TOOL](#)