



LAKESHORE PROPERTY OWNERS



The ecology of many of our lakes is being stressed to the point of permanent damage as a result of excessive nutrient and sediment deposits, clear cutting and mowing and extensive shore and aquatic vegetation removal. As a custodian of lakeshore property the most beneficial thing you can do is to adhere to the DNR's BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES and leave the shoreland as nature intended.

Before you:

- *Cut down any tree or brush*
- *Remove any soil*
- *Fill any hole*
- *Cut any aquatic vegetation (weeds)*
- *Make any shoreland or wetland alteration*
- *Undertake any construction*

Verify that you are not violating Department of Natural Resources or Itasca County Zoning regulations.

Fines of up to \$700 and/or a 90 day jail term can be imposed for violations. Restoration may be required at owners expense. Permits obtained after the project is started will generally cost double the usual fee and may result in an order for restoration.

These regulations **DO NOT** prevent proper development of lakeshore property but they **DO** prevent harmful and destructive development such as that done in past years before current regulations went into effect. They also help the property owner from inadvertently damaging his/her own property, thus reducing its commercial value.

PLEASE, for the **sake of the lake**, contact your Lake Association, Department of Natural Resources, Itasca County Zoning and/or Itasca County Soil and Water Conservation District for more information before making any alterations.

Itasca County Environmental Services 327-2857

Itasca SWCD 326-0017

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