

# LAKESMART HOMEOWNER QUESTIONNAIRE

Thank you for having a LakeSmart evaluation on your property! We are excited to visit your property, to discuss steps you can take to protect your lake and to recognize what you have already done. Please complete this form and return to your evaluator prior to their visit.



You'll receive a written report summarizing your LakeSmart evaluation with specific recommendations for your property. You don't need to be present during the site visit. Please share your preference:

- YES , I would like to be present during the site visit.
- NO, I do not need to be present during the LakeSmart site visit.

Evaluator Name & Phone/Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## HOMEOWNER CONTACT INFORMATION

Primary Homeowner Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Site Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

## PROPERTY DETAILS

1. Has this property been previously evaluated?  YES  NO
2. What year was the home built? \_\_\_\_\_ 3. How long have you owned the home? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Do you live here year-round?  YES  NO
5. Do you belong to a camp, road, or other lake organization? (if so, please list) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. What is the estimated shoreline frontage of the property? \_\_\_\_\_

## PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

7. How often do you use herbicides and pesticides?  
 NEVER  RARELY (once or twice/year)  OFTEN (three or more times/year)
8. How often do you use fertilizer?  
 NEVER  RARELY (once or twice/year)  OFTEN (three or more times/year)
9. Do you mow grass? If so, where is your lawn mower blade set?  
 HIGH  MEDIUM  LOW  I DON'T MOW

## SEPTIC SYSTEM INFORMATION

10. Do you know where your septic tank and leach field are located?  YES  NO

If yes, please describe/sketch where they are below. If you do not know, visit [lakes.me/septic](https://lakes.me/septic) for a link to a searchable database of septic permit applications, dating back to 1974.

11. Do you know when your septic system was installed?  YES; Year installed: \_\_\_\_\_  NO

12. Do you know the size of your septic tank?  YES; Number of gallons: \_\_\_\_\_  NO

13. Do you have a regular tank pumping schedule?  YES; Frequency: \_\_\_\_\_  NO

## LOON SMART MERIT AWARD

14. Will you take the 5 actions (see next page) for the Loon Smart Merit Award?  YES  NO

15. Will you share these actions with three neighbors?  YES  NO

## PERMISSIONS

The LakeSmart program is a voluntary, educational, and non-regulatory program. Information collected through participation in the LakeSmart program will NEVER be used for regulatory purposes and will not be shared without expressed permission of the homeowner.

16. May we post your name/lake on our website for participating in the program?  YES  NO

17. May we use photos for teaching/promotion (no names/addresses shared)?  YES  NO

**Thank you for scheduling a LakeSmart visit and taking this step to protect your lake!**

## LOON SMART MERIT AWARD

Maine Lakes has partnered with Maine Audubon to recognize LakeSmart homeowners whose practices protect loons and their habitat. Standards include both land use on the property as well as the practices and commitments of property owner(s).



- Loons are visual predators, so minimizing runoff and siltation to maintain water quality is critically important to their ability to fish and find food for their young.
- Loons are sensitive to disturbance, both on their lakeside nests and on the water. Being aware of where loons are and keeping a good distance away, especially in canoes and kayaks in wetlands and shallow water will help minimize stress.
- Loons nest right next to the water, where boat wakes can flood the nest and wash the eggs away. Keeping to headway speed as required in the 200' Boater Safety Zone will reduce that risk.
- Loons can pop up unintentionally in the path of oncoming boats. In fact, boat strikes are known to be one of the leading causes of adult loon mortality in Maine. Watching for loons while boating can help reduce this risk.
- Predators including skunks and raccoons can make quick work of loon eggs. Reducing attractants to keep these predators away from nesting areas will help improve overall nesting success.
- The ingestion of lead tackle and entanglement of loons in monofilament line are ever present problems for loons in Maine. Fish lead free and properly dispose of tackle and line to help keep our loon population healthy for years to come.

LakeSmart Awardees who qualify are given a Loon Smart sticker showing a loon and baby chick to add to their LakeSmart Award signs.

## FIVE ACTIONS TO PROTECT LOONS

To qualify for a Loon Smart Merit Award, adopt these 5 simple actions:

- 1) Fish lead-free
- 2) Remove monofilament line from the lake and its shoreline
- 3) Stay at least 200 feet away from loons and loon nests when boating
- 4) Maintain "no wake" speed within 200 feet of shore
- 5) Seal outdoor trash cans and feed pets indoors to deter predators