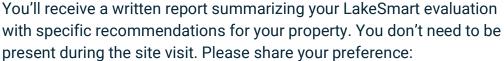
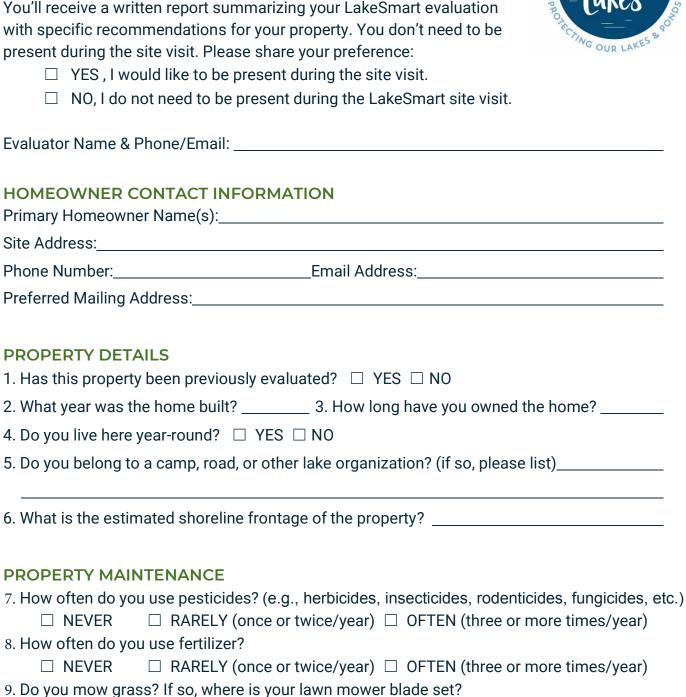
LAKESMART HOMEOWNER QUESTIONNAIRE

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.





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☐ I DON'T MOW

☐ MEDIUM

☐ HIGH

Thank you for scheduling a LakeSmart visit and taking this step to protect your lake!
17. May we use photos for teaching/promotion (no names/addresses shared)? ☐ YES ☐ NO
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
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
15. Will you share these actions with three neighbors? ☐ YES ☐ NO
LOON SMART MERIT AWARD 14. Will you take the 5 actions (see next page) for the Loon Smart Merit Award? □ YES □ NO
13. Do you have a regular tank pumping schedule? ☐ YES; Frequency: ☐ NO
12. Do you know the size of your septic tank? YES; Number of gallons: NO
11. Do you know when your septic system was installed? □ YES; Year installed: □ NO
for a link to a searchable database of septic permit applications, dating back to 1974.
If yes, please describe/sketch where they are below. If you do not know, visit <u>lakes.me/septid</u>
SEPTIC SYSTEM INFORMATION 10.Do you know where your septic tank and leach field are located? □ YES □ NO

LOON SMART MERIT AWARD

Maine Lakes and Maine Audubon recognize homeowners with a Loon Smart Merit Award if their practices protect loons and their habitat. Standards for this award include how the property is used and the practices and commitments of the property owner.



- Loons are visual predators. 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 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-foot Boater Safety Zone will reduce this risk.
- Loons can pop up unintentionally in the path of oncoming boats. Boat strikes are thought to be one of the leading causes of adult loon mortality in Maine. Watching for loons while boating can help reduce this risk.
- Loon predators include skunks and raccoons that can make quick work of loon eggs.
 Reducing attractants to keep these predators away from nesting areas will help improve loon nesting success.
- The ingestion of lead tackle and the entanglement of loons in monofilament line (not biodegradable) are ever-present problems for loons in Maine. To help keep our loon population healthy for years to come, it is best to fish lead free, properly dispose of lead tackle, and recycle monofilament line.

LakeSmart Awardees who qualify for the Loon Smart Merit Award are given a Loon Smart sticker (pictured above) that can be displayed on their LakeSmart Award signs. To qualify for a Loon Smart Merit Award, a homeowner will need to take the following steps:

- 1. Agree to take the following 5 simple actions:
 - Fish lead-free.
 - Remove monofilament line from the lake and its shoreline.
 - Stay at least 200 feet away from loons and loon nests when boating.
 - Maintain a "no wake" speed within 200 feet of shore.
 - Seal outdoor trash cans and feed pets indoors to deter predators.
- 2. Agree to share these actions with three neighbors.
- 3. Earn a LakeSmart Award and meet slightly higher Loon Smart standards for managing erosion and maintaining a robust shoreline buffer.