

Visiting the Water's Edge

A Guide for Lakeshore Property Renters

Guidelines for the Lake Community

Rights of the Water?

All waters of Vermont and are managed to preserve and protect a healthy ecosystem as well as to guarantee the right for all to swim, fish, boat, and otherwise enjoy. Please follow the basic rules and guidelines to do your part to keep the waters and shores of Vermont healthy.

Shoreland Vegetation - Grow On!

Lakeshore trees, shrubs, and plants protect the land from erosion, filter overland pollutants, and provide habitat for wildlife.

🚫 **Cutting Trees or Shrub!**

Aquatic Plants - Keep them Rooted

All aquatic plants to grow to provide habitat for wildlife, provide oxygen in the water, maintain sediments, and keep waters clear.

🚫 **Pulling Plants!**

Protect Native Species from Invaders

Non- native, invasive species infestations threaten the diversity and survival of native species, limit the recreational uses of a waterbody, and result in financial challenges. Follow these VT Rules:

- 💧 **Clean** and remove any visible mud, plants, fish, or organisms from boats, trailers, equipment, clothing, dogs, etc.
- 💧 **Drain** and eliminate water from equipment including bilges, wells, coolers, snorkels, etc.
- 💧 **Dry** anything that comes into contact with water.

Never release plants, fish, animals, or terrarium materials into a body of water unless they came out of that body of water. **Dispose** of unused Bait Fish on land in a trash can.



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Respect the Neighbors

For all types of wildlife interactions, maintain a respectful distance without a chase. A more common wildlife encounter may be with a loon. One of the main threats to a loon's success is human disturbance.

To allow loons to prosper and continue their expansion in Vermont, follow these guidelines:

- ◆ Avoid nesting areas. Stay out of marked areas.
- ◆ Keep watch and slow down for loons.
- ◆ Use non-lead sinkers to stop lead poisoning.
- ◆ Reel in fishing lines to avoid entanglement or the potential for loons to ingest lures or bait.
- ◆ Report loon or any migratory bird (or wildlife) harassment to game warden or state police.

Vermont Lake Resources

VT Fish and Wildlife Department

www.vtfishandwildlife.com

General Information (802) 828-1000

Licensing (802) 828-1190

Law Enforcement (802) 828-1529

VT Dept. of Environmental Conservation

dec.vermont.gov

General Information (802) 828-1556

Aquatic Invasive Species (802) 828-1535

VT State Police - Marine Division

vsp.vermont.gov

Boating Law Information (802) 244-8727

