

Dear Lake Property Owner:

In order to assess the potential impacts to the quality of our lake, the lake association is sending each property owner located on the lake, a septic system survey. We ask that this survey be completed by a member of each household. This information will help us better understand the state of the septic systems located along the lake and the potential impact that these systems may be having on the quality of the lake. Because these issues are sometimes sensitive, we have decided to conduct an anonymous survey. You only need to fill out the questions that are asked below and you do not need to include your name, address, or lot number. We encourage you to be honest in your responses, as this will assist us in better understanding the potential pollution sources to our lake and how to protect our lake. Remember, as the lake quality declines, property values along the lake and the recreational values of the lake will decline as well.

If you have any comments, or would like to include your name and address, please feel free to include this information at the end the survey in the indicated location.

Thank you for participating!

Sincerely,

LOCATION

1. What size lot do you own?

- ¼ acre ½ acre 1 acre Greater than 1 acre

2. How far away from the lake edge is your home located?

- 10 – 25 feet 25 – 50 50 – 75 Greater than 100 feet

PROPERTY

1. Is the property used year round or seasonally?

- Year Round Seasonally

2. If you are a seasonal resident, how many months out of the year do you spend in your lake home?

3. How many people typically occupy your lot? _____

4. How many bathrooms does your home/cottage have?

- 1 2 More than 2

5. How many bedrooms does your home/cottage have?

- 1 2 3 More than 3

6. Which of the following water-using machines does your home/cottage have?

- Washing Machine Garbage Disposal Dishwasher Water Softener

Other: _____

SEPTIC SYSTEM

1. Do you have a septic system (go to #2) or a holding tank (go to #8) on your property?

- Septic system Holding Tank I don't know

2. How old is your septic system (in years)?

- 1 – 10 10 – 15 15 – 20 20 – 25 I don't know

3. How many feet from the shore of the lake or tributary is your septic system located (drainfield or tanks)?

- 10 – 20 20 -50 50 – 75 Greater than 75 feet I don't know

4. Is there parking or driving over any part of your septic system?

- Yes No

5. In what condition is your septic system?

- Good Moderate Poor I don't know

6. Have you made any repairs to your septic system?

- Yes No

7. Do you use septic tank or system additives? If Yes, how often?

- Yes, _____ No

8. How often do you have your septic system tank pumped?

- Every 1 – 3 years Every 3 – 5 years Every 10 years Never

9. How often do you have your holding tank pumped?

- 2 or more times/year Every year Every 2-3 years Every 3-5 years

- Greater than 5 years Never

10. Have you noticed any of the following conditions related to your septic system or holding tank:

- Wetness in yard (unrelated to rain) Septic discharge Strong sewage smell in yard
 Slow drainage of your plumbing Sewage back-ups into home
 Well water test shows positive for Fecal Coliform bacteria

General

1. What is your drinking water source?

- Well Rural water Bottled Water I don't know

2. Do you water your lawn? If yes, what is the source?

Yes

Lake

Well

Rural Water

I don't know

No

3. Do you fertilize your lawn?

Yes

One time/year

Two time/year

Three time/year

More than three times

No

Other Comments (optional):

IDENTIFICATION (optional)

Address _____

Property Owner _____ Phone # _____

Plat Map Identifier _____

Age of home _____ years

How long have you lived there? _____ years

When this form is complete, please mail it to:

(include lake association address)

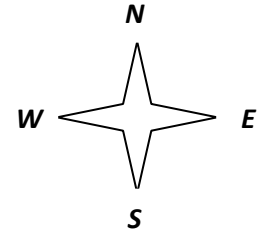
For more information, contact:

(Include contact person and phone number)

Drawing of Septic System (Optional)

KEY

- Building :
Drainfield : ----DF-----
Septic tank : ST
Well : W



30 feet

How far away is the closest drainage ditch (as the crow flies)?

- Less than 100 ft A few hundred yds Half mile or more

Are there areas or lines of greener, taller grass in the yard?

- No Yes (show on map: **GGR**)

Are there any wet or spongy places in the yard that have a sewage odor?

- No Yes (show on map: **SP**)