

Lake Friendly Lawns

Keeping your lawn green without greening your waterfront may be simpler than you think.

Use only phosphorus-free fertilizer.

Turf can only use phosphorus when it is newly seeded. Look for the middle number ZERO.



Test your lawn for fertilizer needs before putting any chemicals on the grass. Cornell University notes that only 10% of all the lawns they have tested really needed any fertilizer .

Fertilizer that lawn grass doesn't need and can't use will run off in rain storms or sink to the water table and be carried to the lake by groundwater.

Aerate by removing small cores of soil from your lawn to prevent compaction; increase water, oxygen and nutrient movement into soil; improve rooting and help prevent chemical run off.

Mow to maintain a height of 4 inches and cut off no more than 1/3 of grass blade. Leave clippings on the lawn to add nutrients and organic matter. Sweep clippings off pavement onto the lawn.



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Bring Brush, Branches and Yard Waste for Mulching



Noon-4

Saturday, May 16, 2015

May 30, 2015

June 6, 2015

November 7, 2015

November 14, 2015

Canadice Transfer Station
(South Old West Lake Road)

Richmond Transfer Station
(4947 East Lake Road)

Bring bagged leaves, grass,
garden waste for composting.

(Please remove bags at transfer station)

Yard Waste in Honeoye Lake
Feeds Weeds and Algae.

Yard waste decaying in Honeoye Lake adds unwanted nutrients to the lake.

These unneeded nutrients feed the water weeds and algae that impair our uses of the lake.

**One Pound of Phosphorus
Entering Honeoye Lake
Supports the Growth of 500
Pounds of Water Weeds/Algae.**

Leaves, grass clippings, brush, shrub prunings, garden wastes and other plant materials can be mulched or composted .



Honeoye Lake Watershed Task Force
Honeoye Valley Association
Town of Canadice
Town of Richmond
Ontario County Planning Department
Ontario County Soil and Water
Conservation District
offer you this
opportunity to protect the lake and
beautify your surroundings.

While it is true that forest leaves fall into streams and lakes, that is not a good excuse for people to add to the total.

Honeoye Lake is already stressed by too many nutrients, leading to unwanted water weed growth and algae growth.



**Do your part to keep nutrients out
of
Honeoye Lake.**

Beautiful Honeoye is well worth it.

DO Try this at home!

Mow often enough to leave grass clippings on the lawn. They decompose rapidly and the nutrients re-enter the lawn.

Sweep grass clippings off paved areas and back on to the lawn—or put them in a compost pile.

Keep leaves out of the lake and out of the street gutter.

Shred leaves with your lawnmower, use them for mulch , compost them at home or bring them to the brush mulching and leaf composting events at the

**Canadice and Richmond Transfer
Stations on
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