



SHORELINE DO'S & DON'TS

DO	DON'TS
DO leave a natural shoreline alone.	DON'T remove deadwood, stumps or rocks from the shoreline.
DO re-naturalize the shoreline with a <i>Buffer Zone</i> comprised of native flora species, including plants, flowers, shrubs and trees.	DON'T create hard shorelines as they carry unwanted materials into the lake.
DO protect the shoreline from erosion by leaving it natural or re-naturalizing it (including retaining walls).	DON'T add to the lake's nutrient load by using chemical fertilizers or pesticides containing nitrogen or phosphorus.
DO use organic fertilizers or pesticides free of nitrogen or phosphorus.	DON'T alter or change the shoreline without a permit from The Lower Trent Conservation Authority.
DO improve the health of the lake, its inhabitants and family members.	DON'T jeopardise the health of the lake, its inhabitants or family members.
DO enjoy waterfront living by doing less property maintenance by keeping a naturalized (or re-naturalized) shoreline.	DON'T spend time manicuring the shoreline.

- ✓ Members of Friends of Oak Lake have access to the Federation of Ontario Cottagers Association's (FOCA) resources on shorelines (as well as other waterfront issues) in both text and video form. Go to www.foca.on.ca and use the FOOL Member username and password. Questions or concerns can be directed to friendsofoaklake@gmail.com or visit us at www.friendsofoaklake.com

