

Mirror Lake: Protect It!



MLPA Education Committee

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Protection From What?

Cyanobacteria Blooms

Invasive Aquatic Plants

ADVISORY

High levels of potentially toxic
CYANOBACTERIA
have been identified in this water


**WATER CURRENTLY NOT
SUITABLE FOR WADING
OR SWIMMING!**

Exposure to blue-green scums may cause nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, or fever in humans and pets.

Anyone who comes in contact with blue-green scum should rinse off with fresh water

All current advisories posted at www.des.nh.gov.
Click "beach advisory" in left column

CONTACT INFORMATION:
NHDES Beach Program
29 Hazen Dr.; Concord, NH
(603) 271-0698
beaches@des.nh.gov



**Beach Advisory
for Cyanobacteria**

Reduce Phosphorus!



Septic Systems: The Scoop

Lake Wentworth Foundation Lake Sunapee Protective Association



Thanks, No Dirty Water Wanted



phosphorus

Rain Gardens



Bioretention Cells



Ripples

Don't "P" in the Lake



Lake Winnepesaukee Watershed Association

Contain Road Sediment



Site Tours: Photos

We Just Keep Growing



Exotic Species Program

Simple Mantra

Prevention

Early Detection

Rapid Response

Management



NH Department of Environmental Services (DES)

Plants

Protect the Good-Prevent the Bad



Best Management Practices



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To Do

- Educate/build capacity
- Public outreach events
- Find plant photos
- Write a blog
- Site tours
- Develop info → → → →
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 - Septic systems
 - Storm water run off
 - Residential development
 - Residential conservation

To Create

- *Field Guide to Aquatic Plants on Mirror Lake*
- Enhanced webpage
- Facebook presence
- Info centers

Make A Difference

- Take photos (rain gardens, roads, plants)
- Distribute brochures to neighbors
- Write or “borrowing” brochures
- Help with To-Be-Named events
- Add to Facebook
- Add to Web page
- Write a blog
- Weed Watch
- Collect water samples



MLPA Website



www.mirrorlakenh.org

facebook



MLPA on Facebook

Facebook – Are you a Friend of the MLPA facebook page?
Why or Why Not? - Use of Social Media today

- Who is the audience? Only those who elect to join
- Cost is free
- Our demographics are changing – pushes out the MLPA to next Gens
- Norma posts and notifications go out to Friends
- Interesting news for MLPA and affiliated organizations
- Event page – committees can use to get the word out & updates
- No need to track anyone's e-mail address!
- Easily updated – not a “static site”
- Friends are “approved” by the administrator (limits spam)
- Photo gallery allows us to store photos submitted by friends
- Keeps us in touch, especially during the winter months
- Did I say No Cost?
- One “arrow in our quiver” for communication to interested parties

- Demo??

**Together,
We Can Make a Difference**

