

## **Welcome New Green Lake Home Owners!**

On behalf of your Green Lake Improvement District (GLID) which you are now part of, we offer you this "Welcome Package" filled with Information and Resource Options for your awareness/use.

**GLID's GREEN LAKE OWNERS' GOALS** are Preserving, Protecting, and Participating to maintain our property values and keep our lake water safe for many multiple generations. Our DNR offers simple steps lake property owners can take to become better shore land stewards. See below for the 7 tips and/or go to [Shoreline Restorations - Green Lake Improvement district](https://www.greenlakemnid.com/shoreline-restorations.html) at <https://www.greenlakemnid.com/shoreline-restorations.html> for more info.

Your GLID Partners with many organizations and businesses including Isanti Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD), Isanti Zoning, Wyanett Township, Isanti County Sheriff Rescue Team, Isanti Coalition of Lakes, Minnesota DNR, and Lake Restoration Weed Management Company. All are valuable resources available to you.

The GLID Web Site is a repository of fact-filled reference material to help Inform, Interest, Invite, Input, Involve, and Invest. <https://www.greenlakemnid.com>

When you browse the web pages, you will find the latest Lake Owners High Interest Areas, Alerts, Informative Annual GLID Lake Owners' Meeting with all the past meeting minutes/budgets, Weed Control Activities, Shoreline Restoration Resources along with Best Practices, Rain Garden Installation opportunities, Green Lake Owners e-Newsletter Archive, Summary of Green Lake Water Quality Report compared to all previous years monitored, Helpful tips like the FREE weed and leaf compost pile located a few miles from the lake at the Wyanett Maintenance Building 34591 Nacre St NW Princeton, MN 55371 along with their special "Clean Up Day" trash repository.

GLID newsletters are intended to help Green Lake Owners to be Informed, Interested, Invited, Provide Input, Get Involved, And Invest! You can subscribe to GLID's e-newsletter offering at <https://www.greenlakemnid.com/newsletters.html>



Also, GLID has a Facebook page, too. Add " Green Lake Improvement District, Isanti County, MN" to your FB favorites!

Our GLID FB provides immediate updates on changing Lake conditions or opportunities.

Again, GLID sincerely welcomes you to Green Lake.

We have a saying we share with all of our Lake Owners:

"Green Lake is a jewel in nature's crown. Like all valuables, our lake needs to be protected. Who could care more for our lakes than the people who love them and live on them? That someone is you!"

Warm Regards,

Ginny Bustrom and Welcome Crew

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**GLID – Preserving Protecting Participating – For OUR Lake.**

**Our children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren will thank us!**

Below is a list of helpful folks who may be able to answer your questions/concerns.

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## SIMPLE STEPS TOWARD BETTER LAKE STEWARDSHIP

There are DNR simple steps lake property owners can take to become better shoreland stewards.

1. Protect your existing lake shore native trees, shrubs, and plants.
2. Stop fertilizing and using lawn chemicals. If you water your lawn with water pumped from the lake, use of chemical fertilizer is unnecessary because the lake water already contains nitrogen and phosphorus. If you feel you must fertilize, do so once a year, in the fall.
3. We highly recommend no broadcast spraying of insecticides and pesticides. Please be kind to pollinators.
4. “No mow, let it grow!” This is the simplest and least expensive way to restore shoreline and add a natural buffer to the lakeshore. First, stop mowing a 10 - 15ft wide strip of grass near the water’s edge. If you have a beach, the buffer can be directly behind the beach. A buffer of native vegetation will help prevent erosion and will intercept some of the nutrients and pollutants that would otherwise enter the lake.  
  
Reminder to move weeds you pull from the lake or leaves you rake up to at least 25ft from the lake to prevent nutrients leaching back into the lake.
5. If you don’t like the look of an un-mowed buffer, you can plant a buffer of native wildflowers and sedges. Bushes or trees can also be added. Check out your GLID Shoreline Restoration Program with grants for approved projects. A buffer of native plants will add color and beauty to your shoreline and provide food and habitat for birds, butterflies, and other pollinators.
6. If you riprap or place boulders on the shoreline, do not spray with herbicides as toxins go into lake. If you let nature take its course, native plants such as jewel weed, milk weed, and blue flag iris may naturally germinate, or you can plant them within the riprap.
7. Have your septic system tested and keep it working properly. Faulty septic’s account for lake pollution.

“Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It’s not.” Dr. Seuss