



Loon Call Lake Cottagers' Association

Cottage Tips - Being a Good Cottager

Please review and adopt these 16 Tips for Cottaging More Lightly – 2019 Revision

1. **Do Not use soap in the lake...ever.** Biodegradable soap only breaks down on land, not in the water. Stock up on greener cleaners. The Park prohibits soaping in the Lake.
2. **Reduce water consumption** and save your septic system. Avoid use of phosphates, bleaches and anti-bacterial soaps, shampoos and cleaning supplies. Do not put grease into your septic tank.
3. **Sniff out a sick septic tank** and have your tank pumped regularly.
4. **Stoop and scoop** after your pooch.
5. **Kick the lawn habit** especially close to the water; allow it to return to natural vegetation; and don't use fertilizers.
6. **Reduce light pollution.**
7. **Keep the water edge natural.** Permits are required from the Park for any dock extensions and major underwater repairs. Ask us or the Park what is exempt.
8. **Keep the Quiet**, sound travels farther over the water; please be sensitive to others. Please respect North Kawartha Township noise curfew of 11:00 pm.
9. **Do Not use lead weights** when fishing and fish only during the fishing season. Don't bring in live baitfish; it is prohibited in the Park.
10. **Boat responsibly**, especially in narrows and near marshes; wakes are a common cause of baby loon deaths. Wakes are also rough on the shoreline, docks and swimmers.
11. **Maintain your boat and motor.** When possible refuel on land where spills can be picked up.
12. **Park rules prohibit ATV use** except for cottage access or during the Hunting Season. This effectively means that ATVs cannot be used on trails or roads between May 24th and September 1, and then only with a valid hunting license.
13. **Let your guests know** what is acceptable on this environmentally sensitive lake.
14. **Include these and other tips in any rental agreements** that you may make.
15. **Post these tips permanently** in a highly visible place in your cottage. Keep them current.
16. **In doubt about something...**ask your director, or the Lake Steward! We will be glad to arrange for a site visit, suggest an expert or point you to helpful information sources.