

# TEN THINGS YOU CAN DO

TO HELP PRESERVE & PROTECT **KEUKA LAKE**

**Leave your grass a little longer > 3"**

*Fewer mowings promotes a healthier lawn with deeper roots, less watering*

**Keep pesticides away from the lake**

*Pesticides can upset natural balance of ecosystem in watershed*

**Utilize fertilizer according to manufacturer instructions**

*Prevents nitrogen and phosphorous from entering watershed*

**Properly maintain your septic system – inspect and pump, per the law**

*Prevents harmful bacteria from entering watershed*

**Dispose of chemicals properly – never dump in the lake or septic**

*Chemicals can harm animal and plant life in watershed*

**Landscape using porous surfaces and rain gardens**

*Increased use helps filter pollutants and prevents erosion of hillsides*

**Use native plants in your gardening**

*Native plants naturally flourish in our region and act as filters to runoff*

**Dispose of pet waste properly**

*Prevents harmful bacteria from entering watershed*

**Become a volunteer to monitor and report harmful algal blooms**

*Helps provide valuable data to prevent future outbreaks*

**Join the Keuka Lake Association!**

*Support the organization dedicated to preserving and protecting Keuka Lake for future generations*

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