

Attention: All Lakengren Residents!

For as long as I have lived here I have heard from our Lake committees and Elected person on the Board that we need to curb our use of **phosphate based, and liquid fertilizers for our lawns**. I used to think that this did not include me as I do not live on the Lake.

In an effort to avoid the recent Lake tragedy of Grand Lake St. Mary The Board has **instituted a Ban on these products**. Informational flyers will be given to all Lawn care services as they enter the gate to start immediately. Our Lakes are in pretty good shape at the present time, however, I am sure that we all do not want to have Lakengren Lakes unusable because we as a community did not pull together and omit the very chemicals that will render them that way.

Keep Lakengren Lakes usable and beautiful!



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To all Lakengren homeowners and especially all lakeside homeowners. Most of us if not all have read or heard about the tragedy at Grand Lake ST. Marys.

The Lakengren Marine and Lake Committee along with Lakengren manager Kevin Thorpe have been monitoring the lakes, and taking water samples. Our lakes are in good shape with no known problems at this time. Thor and Valhalla lakes have been treated for their weed problems.

So what can Lakengren and especially all lakeside homeowners do to help our lakes and avoid a tragedy like the one at Grand Lake ST. Marys?

Since fertilized lakeside lawns have been linked with increased frequency in algae blooms, lakeside homeowners who want to help protect their lakes water quality should seriously consider extremely limiting, or eliminating altogether, fertilizing their lakeside lawns. If you do choose to fertilize applications of a phosphorous-free brand is recommended, and for the protection of the lakes, aquifer and environment, fertilize with care.

Generally, there are three numbers on the fertilizer bag, i.e. 21-0-0. The first number is the percent of nitrogen (N), the second number is phosphorus (P), and the third number is potash. It is the second number, phosphorus, that can find its way back to streams, rivers, and lakes causing aquatic growth. Try to find fertilizers with zero phosphorus (P). Always apply fertilizer according to the manufactures recommendations. Excessive use of fertilizer will not be used by the plants and tend to migrate to ground and surface waters. If you use a lawn service insist on phosphorus-free fertilizers.

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