



LakeCare OK'd Checklist



By taking these voluntary actions, you can help protect Newman Lake's health; accomplishing 80% of the actions reasonably attainable on your land earns a LakeCare OK'd yard sign. Go to newmanlakewa.com to find out how to schedule a visit and get your sign.

Lawns and Yards. I pledge to:

- Avoid fertilizer and pesticides. If you must fertilize, apply phosphorous-free products
- Accept a few weeds in your lawn; avoid herbicides; reseed thin lawn areas to crowd out weeds
- Leave grass clippings on the lawn or use a mulching mower
- Limit sprinkling to as needed. Make sure sprinkler system is leak free
- Use spaced paving stones, bricks, 'grasscrete', or gravel instead of cement or asphalt
- Divert roof and driveway runoff into stable vegetated areas to prevent erosion
- Cover bare soil areas with mulch or plants; cover temporary dirt piles with a tarp
- Fix eroding areas in yard, driveway, and parking areas
- Plant native plants in the yard to help filter polluted run-off

Shore Health Checklist. I pledge to:

- Maintain existing non-lawn shoreline vegetation
- Re-establish shoreline vegetation by replacing lawn with other native plants such as shrubs, perennials, and trees where possible and practical

Kitchen and Laundry. I pledge to:

- Use phosphorus/phosphate free dish and laundry detergents (shampoo, too)
- Compost or throw out food scraps instead of using in-sink garbage disposal
- Run full loads of dishes and fill sink when hand washing instead of letting the water run

Pets and Animals. I pledge to:

- Scoop pet waste, bag it, and place it in the trash
- Don't feed ducks and geese; feeding them causes their waste to build up in one area
- Keep larger animals away from lake and creeks; contain and cover manure piles

Toxics. I pledge to:

- Get rid of toxic household and yard products at Spokane Regional Solid Waste household hazardous waste drop points where disposal is FREE!
- Buy the least hazardous product for the job, read the label carefully, and use only the proper amount
- Buy and use the safest environmentally-friendly household and yard products
- Never dump motor oil, antifreeze, pesticides, or any toxic materials in sink, on ground, or down storm drains. Take them to a household hazardous waste facility

Cars. I pledge to:

- Wash cars with environmentally-friendly and phosphorous-free soap and wash it over the lawn to reduce run-off
- Fix fluid leaks
- Use ground cloths and drip pans under the car if working on it at home

Septic Systems (if applicable to your system). I pledge to:

- Have your system inspected by a licensed provider at least every three years (system type determines frequency)
- Have system pumped regularly

To Get you LakeCare OK'd sign:

Go to newmanlakewa.com and schedule a visit by local volunteers who will go over the checklist with you and help you understand how to help take care of the lake. By upholding 80% of the reasonably applicable actions to your land you can earn a LakeCare OK'd sign.

Name: _____	Date: _____	
Number of applicable actions: _____	Number of actions undertaken: _____	Percent accomplished/pledged: _____
Recommended actions: _____		



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*For more information on how you can help Newman Lake and get involved visit:
www.newmanlakewa.com*