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Fact Sheets and Publications Related to Lakes Issues

- [Official List of Public Waters](#) 
- [A Shoreland Homeowner's Guide to Stormwater Management](#) 
- [Lakes Management Criteria for New Hampshire State Agencies](#)  (NHDES-CO-96-2)
- [2009 NH Marine Trades Association/ DES Workshop](#)
- [Selling Developed Waterfront Property Site Assessment Study Required](#) (Fact Sheet WD-SSB-10)
- [The N.H. Lakes Management & Protection Program](#)  (Fact Sheet R&L-1)
- [The New Hampshire Guidelines for Coordinated Lake Management and Shoreland Protection Plans](#)  (NHDES-WD-08-8)
- [The New Hampshire Guidelines for Coordinated Lake Management and Shoreland Protection Plans & the Comprehensive Lake Inventory](#)  (Fact Sheet R&L-22)
- [Comprehensive Lake Inventory](#)  (WD-07-31)
- [How to Identify Cyanobacteria](#) 

Fact Sheets

DES has hundreds of fact sheets relevant to lake use and shorefront home ownership. Please look under these headings for specific topics of interest.

- [Alteration of Terrain](#)
- [Lake Biology](#)
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- [Comprehensive Lake Inventory \(WD-07-31\)](#)
This document was completed by the Lake Management and Protection Program's Lakes Management Advisory Committee (LMAC) in 2007. It is a tool for laypersons to help assess lakes and their surrounding watershed. The inventory asks 94 questions based on ten major attributes to guide the assessment process. To request a copy of the Comprehensive Lake Inventory, please contact the LMPP at (603) 271-2959 or riversprogram@des.nh.gov.
- [Joint Lakes and Rivers Committees' Recommendations for Comprehensive Surface Water Resource Management Policy](#) 
- [Public Water Access Advisory Board Annual Reports](#)
- [Lakes Management Criteria for New Hampshire State Agencies](#)  (NHDES-CO-96-2)
This document was completed by the Lake Management and Protection Program's Lakes Management Advisory Committee (LMAC) in 1996. The LMAC reviewed and assessed state agency programs and policies under the guidelines set forth in RSA 483-A. Learn about the recommendations they made to improve lakes management and water quality in New Hampshire. For a copy contact the Public Information Office at (603) 271-2975 or info@des.nh.gov.
- [Eco-Safe Boating Tips](#) 
These cards are designed to be kept in boats as a quick reference guide. The cards contain information on eco-safe fueling practices, engine maintenance, low polluting marine engines, boat washing, pump out stations and other useful tips. These cards are copyright free and may be downloaded and printed as needed. Consider laminating it for long-term usage. Eco-Safe Boating Tips cards were funded in part through a Pollution Prevention grant from the US EPA.
- [A Boater's Guide to Sewage Pumpout](#) 
It is illegal to discharge raw sewage and gray water (shower and sink waste) from a boat into New Hampshire inland waters, or to discharge raw sewage within three miles of the coast in tidal waters. Learn more about how to use marine pumpout stations.
- [Attention Boaters! Are you unknowingly spreading exotic aquatic plants?](#) 
Have you been boating, fishing or recreating on waterbodies with exotic aquatic plants? Over 55 waterbodies in New Hampshire are now impacted by exotic plants. Learn what you can do to stop the spread.

- [Marine Engines and the Environment: Low-Pollution Engines Reduce Air and Water Pollution](#) 
Cleaner, low-pollution outboard marine engines are better for the environment, easier to maintain, and more fuel efficient, which translate directly into saving money for you, the consumer. Read more about the problems of older marine outboards and the benefits of four-stroke and direct fuel injection two-stroke engines.
- [Don't Drink Untreated Surface Water! What lake and riverfront residents should know](#) 
Some residents and visitors think of New Hampshire as still rural and pristine, and believe it is safe to use lake or river water for drinking. Regardless of the presumed safety of this practice in the past, drinking untreated water from lakes, ponds and streams is NOT safe and DES strongly cautions against this practice! Read why.
- [Keep Gasoline from Your Drinking Water](#) 
Gasoline is one of the most dangerous products commonly found around the home, yet people sometimes use it and store it with little care. Learn how to safely use gasoline around your home, camp or boat.
- [Is It Safe To Eat The Fish We Catch? \(see Fact Sheet ARD-EHP-25 - Statewide Mercury Fish Consumption Advisory Update](#) )
It's hard to believe that fish that looks, smells, and tastes fine may not be safe to eat. But the truth is that fish caught in New Hampshire lakes, ponds, and rivers have mercury in them. Other states have this problem too. Read more about health guidelines for freshwater fish consumption.

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