

EMERALD LAKES VILLAGE

Homeowners Association  
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**Policy Letter Regarding: BLUE DYE NOTIFICATION**

ELV Policy #014 updated and approved **November 5, 2013**

This letter concerns the notification policy for our lakes.

- 1) All beaches shall have a sign posted saying:

**DANGER:** Supervise your children - there is no Life Guard on duty  
Never swim alone  
No diving

In the case of a perceived water-related emergency:

**First dial 911** and then:

**Reach** – from shore to a distressed swimmer

**Throw** – a line with an appropriate flotation device to a distressed swimmer

**Row** – to distressed swimmer with an able bodied assistant

**Go** – swim to the aid of a distressed swimmer only as a last resort and with the knowledge that a fear stricken person may become combative and put your life at risk even if you are a proficient swimmer

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- 2) Newsletters shall also include the following warning from May through September:

**Water Dye – [The Lake Management Contractor] applies water dye to Sandshores, Andale, and Crystal Lake to prevent excess weed growth. [The Lake Management Contractor] may also apply blue water dye to Emerald, Pebble, and Walker Lake. For all blue water dye applications, there is a 24-hour swimming restriction. Furthermore, residents should be cautious when swimming due to decreased water clarity caused by the water dye. Potential concerns include inaccurate perception of depth and reduced visibility under the water.**

- 3) In Robo calls to the residents at least once a year, the following warning shall be included:

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- 4) On our webpage, the following warning shall be included:

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