

EMERALD LAKES VILLAGE

Homeowners Association

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Policy Letter Regarding: ENVIRONMENTAL POLICIES

ELV Policy #003 updated and approved **March 2009**

1. **PHOSPHOROUS BAN** - The Board adopted a policy to ban the use of fertilizers containing phosphorous for the protection of our lakes and the entire watershed including the county drain (creek). Do not use any products that contain phosphorous. Use slow-release nitrogen fertilizer on your lawns.
2. **DO NOT FEED THE DUCKS AND GEESE** - They pollute the lakes and creek and it is against the City of Troy ordinances governing the feeding of waterfowl. Control the food dropping from your bird feeders.
3. **ENSURE ALL ANIMAL WASTES ARE DISPOSED OF PROPERLY** - Do not leave the droppings in the street, sidewalks, beaches or lawns. Do not allow your pets to run freely on your neighbor's lawn.
4. **DO NOT ALLOW LAWN CLIPPINGS TO GET INTO THE WATER** - This includes clippings from lawn cuttings being blown directly into the water by the mower **AND** clippings left in the street or on sidewalks. You are responsible for the removal of the clippings from the street and sidewalks. It is your responsibility to require your lawn service to comply.
5. **DO NOT LET GRASS GROW INTO THE WATER.**
6. **RAKE WEEDS AND FALLEN LEAVES FROM THE LAKE AND THE STREETS** - Contact your lake representative for a "lake rake" if necessary. Keep the street drain area free of leaves and all debris. Keep the lake bottom clean.
7. **NEVER PUT ANYTHING DOWN THE STREET DRAINS** - Be especially watchful for contractors using the **street drains for their waste disposal**, i.e. soap or chemicals from carpet cleaning, oil, cement truck or carrier cleaning, washing of sand or other material, etc. etc. **NOTHING** down the street drains.

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ANYTHING AND EVERYTHING THAT GOES INTO OUR STREETS AND DOWN OUR DRAINS ENDS UP IN OUR LAKES AND THE ENTIRE WATERSHED. PLEASE NOTE THE WARNING LABELS ON THE STORM DRAINS.

8. **NO LIVE BAIT** - Worms are the only acceptable live bait to be used when fishing. This is to prevent the introduction of nuisance, invasive species of fish. Do not place aquarium fish or plants in the lakes. Fishing for Bass is catch and release only.
9. **DO NOT TRANSFER FISH FROM LAKE TO LAKE** - This includes transferring from one ELV lake to another and from a lake or any other water body to one of our lakes.
10. **CLEAN YOUR BOAT BEFORE PUTTING IT IN OUR WATERS** - Make sure your boat does not have an invasive plant or zebra mussel hidden BEFORE you put it in the water.
11. **DO NOT USE SALT OR ANY ICE-MELTING CHEMICALS** on your driveway or sidewalk. Use sand when necessary.
12. **USE PHOSPHORUS FREE SOAP WHEN WASHING CARS** - Wash cars on your lawn so runoff is absorbed by the lawn.
13. **DO NOT PUMP WATER FROM THE LAKE** or the **COUNTY DRAIN (creek)** - No pumping of water from the lakes **or county drain (creek)** for any reason. No discharge of water or other substance into our lakes is allowed.
14. **NO MOTOR-POWERED CRAFT / VEHICLE ALLOWED ON THE LAKE – Summer or Winter.** No powered craft of any type is permitted on the lakes or lake ice. This is to include remote controlled boats and similar devices. A contractor hired by the Association to maintain the lakes may use a powered craft. Canoes, sail boats and other small craft, not exceeding sixteen (16) feet in length will be permitted.
15. **NO DOCKS, BOATHOUSES, ICE SHANTIES, CRAFTS / RAFTS, FLOATING DEVICES OR STRUCTURES OF ANY TYPE** shall be anchored overnight on the lakes or constructed on any lot in the Village.
16. **DO NOT CHANGE THE SHORELINE** - There shall be no channels cut or any alteration of the existing shoreline. All shorelines must be maintained to prevent erosion.
17. **DO NOT PLANT TREES NEAR THE WATER. No Tree Is To Overhang The Water** - The word "tree" means shrubs, bushes and all other woody vegetation.
18. **FENCES / HEDGES** - While planning and BEFORE installation, see Policy Letter #4 and ELV Restrictions or contact the ELV Restrictions Chairperson.

19. **SEAWALLS / RETAINING WALLS** - Installation of seawalls (steel, wood, composite, rocks, etc.) is regulated under Part 301, Inland Lakes and Streams, of Public Act 451 of 1994. The Land and Water Management Division (LWMD) of the DEQ issues the permits for such activities. Contact the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality District Office in Warren, MI, by telephone at 586-753-3700 or <http://www.michigan.gov/deq>.

20. **STORAGE SHEDS / STORAGE UNITS / COMPOST CONTAINERS, etc., planned to be placed outside** - When planning and before purchase or installing, see Policy Letter #10 and if necessary contact the ELV Restrictions Chairperson.