

Friendly Neighbour Guidelines

It is suggested that all property owners in Whitestone Township post this Guideline in their home/cottage. It is also suggested that any cottage rentals include this as part of their rental agreement. Often, our guests are simply not aware of the "unique" things that go on outside a populated area. The intent of this guide is to ensure the safety and enjoyment of our area for all.

SAFETY

1) FOOD-BASED GARBAGE: Please don't leave outside. Bears may be attracted to your location. Securely seal all refuse prior to taking to dump, and no food left outside. Burn off all food residue on BBQ after each use.

2) CAMP-FIRES and FIREWORKS: most summers there is a full or partial fire ban. Fire permits are required. Please contact the Township office to prior to having an outside fire, and follow all safety procedures. (Fires must be fully attended, with water buckets available.)

3) WATER-SPORTS: When towing water-skiers, tubes, etc. it is mandatory (legally) to have a "spotter" in the boat. Swimmers should stay fairly close to shore.... boaters often have difficulty seeing single swimmers if they are out in the middle of the lake.

4) BOATING: Our lakes are regularly patrolled by the OPP. There are large fines for several boating infractions: carrying alcohol, no lifejackets and/or safety equipment, exceeding 10 kph within 30m of shore, no Boaters Operator Card. Night operation requires red/green/white lighting.

COURTESY

5) EXCESSIVE NOISE: (ie: loud music)...noise travels very far over water. Please "localize" your music by taking it TO the beach, instead of turning up the cottage speakers so the world hears your tunes. This is especially important in the evening.

6) LIGHT POLLUTION: please keep usage of outdoor lights to a minimum...many folks enjoy viewing the night sky.

7) PRIVATE PROPERTY: please ensure you understand where the property lines are, and do not trespass on private property. This includes most of the lake shoreline, and private roads and driveways.

8) POLLUTION: Please do not put any soap products in the lake (ie: shampoo, laundry soap).

9) PETS: please ensure pets also remain on the property and are not released to roam and/or do their "business" on other owners' property.

10) HUGE BOAT WAVES: no "wake enhancing devices" (ie: ballast tanks, fat sacks), or "lake surfing", or other boating practices that cause "monster waves" that severely erode shorelines, destroy loon nests, and cause damage to moored boats.