

# HARMONIOUS LAKESIDE LIVING

The Lake Hughes Association and the residents have agreed on some measures and recommendations to protect our lake and promote peaceful and respectful community living.

We encourage all residents and visitors to respect the following guidelines.

## WATERCRAFT

### ➤ Only residents' watercraft are welcome on Lake Hughes.

- All visiting watercraft such as kayaks, paddleboards, inflatables, etc. pose a threat.
- We also do not promote transferring watercraft from one lake to another.

**The best way to protect our lake from invasive species such as Eurasian Water-Milfoil, is to prevent its arrival. Fishing gear should also not be transferred from one lake to another.**

**BOAT CLEANING PROCEDURE:** Inspect, pressure wash, leave to dry for 5 days, inspect again  
**READ MORE ON THE WEBSITE:** [EURASIAN WATER MILFOIL INFO SHEET](#)

- Only small electric motors are permitted – Maximum speed: 10 km/h (NO WAKE SPEED).
- Personal motorized watercraft are banned on the lake (eg. jet ski, see-doo, etc.)

## FIREWORKS

- Fireworks are banned on and around Lake Hughes for the harmful effects they can have on the environment, including causing catastrophic wildfires.

## OUTDOOR FIRES

- Before lighting a campfire, always check the SOPFEU roadside signs or consult the website to see if fires are permitted (blue-green zone). <https://sopfeu.qc.ca>
- Consult the Municipality for a permit if necessary.
- No outdoor fires in the 15 m shoreline protection zone (ashes contain phosphorus).

## SEPTIC SYSTEMS

- Septic systems should always be used according to the capacity of the tank. Homeowners should always recognize the limits of their septic system and inform family/guests/renters on septic system operations and proper use.
- What can and cannot be disposed of – no sanitary products or excessive toilet paper – no grease down the kitchen sink, no parking on the weeping field, etc.

## NOISE and OTHER DISTURBANCES

- Always remember that noise travels far and is amplified across water.
- Excessive night lighting can spoil the view of the night sky and have a negative impact on wildlife.

## VARIA

**COMPOSTING** is highly recommended – community composters are available at the entrances to Lake Hughes and at the Municipality in Gore. Even compostable plastic bags are not to be used in our country composters.

**DOGS** should be on leash in public places, and we encourage responsible owners to pick up after their dogs. Poop contains phosphorus and bacteria (Coliforms) and could have an impact on the lake. **CONGRATULATIONS** – *there has been a noticeable improvement around the lake.*

**Behaviour based on courtesy and common sense while being respectful and responsible will help promote peaceful cottage country living.**