

Weeds... Weeds... Weeds

Do you have lake weeds piling up on your shoreline?

We are excited to offer our lakeshore owners a place to dispose of their lake weeds.

The WLA has facilitated this operation with a local landowner to provide this perk to all WLA members.

We have a few rules we need to follow to have this disposal privilege.

1. Lake Weeds Only! No Garbage or garbage bags.
2. Minimize rocks & sticks.
3. Dump site is located on Co. Rd. 14 Ridge Road west out of Waterville 1 mile west of the fish hatchery on the left side of the road.

Follow the signs that have been posted at the dump site.

Landowner is Not Responsible for you or your belongings on his property.

We are grateful to have this partnership with the landowner and ask that you be very respectful of the property.

Thank you all for your patronage and support for the WLA as well as your commitment to keeping our lakes and rivers clean.

Andrea Berg  
President, Waterville Lakes Association

Take Note:

Why are dissolved lake weed nutrients a problem?

When phosphorus and nitrogen are introduced into lakes in large amounts, weeds and algae can become out of balance with other plants and animals. They quickly absorb nutrient-rich water and use it to produce more weeds and algae. Then they overwhelm wildlife habitats, stifle native species and block sunlight from entering the lake.

Often, algae blooms that happen in early summer are a result of excess nutrients.

Spring rain washes materials that hold phosphorus and nitrogen into waterways. Once in a lake, the nutrients are "eaten" by algae. As soon as the weather warms up and algae get an influx of sunshine, they speedily bloom near shorelines (that's where the water is warmest, typically).

There are many possible variations, but in general, this cycle (rising temperatures + nutrients = growth) repeats throughout the warmer months. Sometimes, in the right conditions, it can happen in winter!