



How can I grow an Adirondack lawn?

- Limit the size of your lawn.
- Leave grass at least 3 inches high when mowing.
- Leave grass clippings on the lawn as a natural fertilizer - keep clippings out of the Lake.
- Use grasses native to our climate.
- Add clover, a nitrogen fixer, to your lawn. Clover will feed the soil and naturally fight weeds.

For more information:

What threatens the Lake George Water Quality?

Fertilizers, Pesticides and Herbicides

Fertilizers entering the Lake are a major source of nutrient pollution, which causes algae blooms and massive overgrowth of aquatic plants. Herbicides and pesticides entering the Lake poison indiscriminately, and are lethal to many aquatic organisms and fish.

Aquatic Invasive Species

AIS enter the Lake primarily through boats coming from contaminated bodies of water. New regulations mandate that all boats must be clean, drained and dry before entering the Lake, which is very important in preventing the arrival of new AIS.

Septic Systems

Improperly functioning septic systems cause nutrients to enter and pollute the Lake.

Stormwater Runoff

Stormwater runoff occurs during and after a rainstorm as water flows from roofs, across lawns, driveways, parking lots and roads. Stormwater runoff moves sediment and soil, as well as nutrients and pollutants, directly or via streams in the Lake.



How can I help protect the water quality of Lake George?

- Don't use fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides.
- Plant or maintain a shoreline or stream buffer and a rain garden.
- Raise awareness by placing an "Adirondack Lawn Grows Here" sign on your property.
- Speak with your neighbors and friends about water quality issues.
- Make sure your boat is clean, drained and dry before launching.
- Make sure your septic system is working properly.
- Minimize stormwater runoff with carefully designed driveways, rain gardens and buffer zones.
- Support and join organizations which help protect Lake George water quality.

Free Adirondack Lawn Signs



To receive your free Adirondack Lawn sign to post on your property to promote lawns free of fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides, Email us at HWQAC@yahoo.com

For more information on water quality issues: fundforlakegeorge.org



HWQAC

The Hague Water Quality Awareness Committees (HWQAC) is a voluntary organization of Hague residents and friends who are concerned about water quality in Lake George. Its main objectives are to:

- increase the awareness of its members and local residents about Lake George water quality issues, and what can be done about them
- promote local actions, both by individuals (such as the development and use of their property) and by relevant local government and other organizations
- promote stronger and more coordinated actions throughout the Lake George basin to help create a "Ring of Protection" around the Lake.

If interested in joining us or supporting the objectives of the HWQAC go to: fundforlakegeorge.org/hwqac

HWQAC Steering Committee

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What is an Adirondack Lawn?

An Adirondack lawn has no fertilizers, pesticides or herbicides.



Owners of Adirondack lawns are committed to preserving the water quality of Lake George.



Hague Water Quality Awareness Committee