



# Love<sub>the</sub> Lake!

## A Guideline for Landowners in the Pigeon Lake Watershed

Show your Commitment to the Lake in the following ways:

- protect the shoreline by retaining indigenous aquatic plant growth and plant native vegetation in the riparian (shoreline) area
- increase tree and shrub density on your property
- properly compost biodegradable waste
- **limit fertilizer use** to container gardening
- eliminate the **use of insecticides, herbicides and/or fungicides**
- store all chemicals safely away from drainage areas
- use phosphate free detergents (dish, laundry, shampoo)
- use proper techniques when fueling equipment like lawnmowers and boats to eliminate contamination of the lake
- use proper sewage disposal and maintenance of sewage containment
- ensure appropriate disposal of animal waste
- practice water conservation techniques to reduce waste water production
  - increase your knowledge by attending programs such as the Alberta Environmental Farm Plan workshop or PLWA sponsored events
  - Talk to your friends and neighbours- let them know how you are helping the lake and encourage them to do the same!

### Agricultural Users Can Help Save the Lake

- increase native plant growth and trees along natural drainage areas and streams
- limit use of herbicides, fungicides and insecticides
  - protect riparian areas from animal use
  - adopt zero till or reduced tillage systems
  - test soil and fertilize only as needed
  - dispose of all animal waste properly

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**STOP FEEDING THE LAKE! –**

Please don't contribute to the nutrient "overload" that promotes blue-green algae growth.