

Your Shoreline Action Checklist

Take Action!

These are the new actions I'll take and the things I'm already doing to protect my shoreline, save time and money, and safeguard the value of my investment.

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I will ✓	
a <input type="checkbox"/> Start a buffer strip by leaving some grass uncut near the water's edge	10, 55
b <input type="checkbox"/> Protect a strip of native plants along my shoreline	57
c <input type="checkbox"/> Replant native shrubs and trees along my shoreline	72
d <input type="checkbox"/> Check regularly for invasive plants and remove them carefully	61
e <input type="checkbox"/> Let imported beach sand erode naturally and let native plants grow back	78
f <input type="checkbox"/> Let natural debris (eg. driftwood, fallen trees) accumulate as much as possible	66
g <input type="checkbox"/> Build a low impact dock (check regulations)	79
h <input type="checkbox"/> Keep pets and/or livestock away from my shoreline or streamside	100, 121
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i <input type="checkbox"/> Minimize the amount of trees and shrubs cleared during construction projects	19
j <input type="checkbox"/> Prune trees to obtain a better view, instead of removing them	59
k <input type="checkbox"/> Reduce my use of fertilizers and pesticides	91
l <input type="checkbox"/> Handle fuels, oil and other chemicals with great care, and be prepared for spills	29, 93
m <input type="checkbox"/> Redirect driveway runoff into a settling/soaking area	24
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n <input type="checkbox"/> Use phosphate free soaps and cleaners	88
o <input type="checkbox"/> Use alternative cleaners like baking soda and vinegar instead of toxic products	88
p <input type="checkbox"/> Pump my septic tank regularly (for a field system, every 1-3 years)	33
q <input type="checkbox"/> Avoid overloading my septic system by staggering full laundry loads through the week	33
r <input type="checkbox"/> Conserve water by using low-flow showerheads and toilets	89
s <input type="checkbox"/> Give my visitors a Green Guest Guide (download from www.livingbywater.ca)	106
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t <input type="checkbox"/> Use oil absorbing bilge cloths, instead of bilge cleaners	112
u <input type="checkbox"/> Practice safe refueling	110
v <input type="checkbox"/> Drive at no-wake speeds within 160 m (500 ft) from shore	109
w <input type="checkbox"/> Purchase or use a 2 or 4 stroke motor that meets or better EPA 2006 guidelines	109
x <input type="checkbox"/> Maintain my boat motor and have it inspected regularly	109

Complete the checklist, keeping this page for your records and mail in the reply card. You'll receive a Shoreline Ambassador Certificate and will be joining with others who are helping to protect shorelines. You can also request more information about customized services:

Shoreline Home Visit:

A trained assessor visits your property and gives you suggestions on things you can do to help protect it, and prevent problems in the future. Contact your regional Living by Water office for details.

Living by Water Workshop:

Delivered to your area as a kit in a box, with presentation materials and script. You can obtain the kit from your regional Living by Water office, and arrange with a group of neighbours to hold the event. You choose how much material to cover.

Living by Water Video:

As of 2002, this is in development. It covers themes such as erosion, native plants, onsite sewage treatment systems, and includes personal stories from other waterfront residents.

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