

# Open the Door to Clean Lakes!

**Clean lakes need healthy lakeshores!**

- Grow native plants and trees along the lakeshore.
- Keep fallen trees and logs in shallow waters – fish need them!
- Mow tall and fertilize less to keep out pollutants.
- Plant a rain garden to absorb rain water.
- On driveways and paths, use surfaces that allow rain to soak in.

**Healthy lakeshores need you!**

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***Make a Difference!***

**Planting native plants,  
trees, and flowers along  
the water's edge:**

- Protects lakes from pollution
- Provides habitat for bass, trout, and other fish
- Helps property values
- Prevents erosion
- Reduces your carbon footprint
- Increases aesthetic beauty

**Learn more about healthy  
lakeshores:**

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