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Woodbury Pond

Tacoma Lakes Improvement Society Newsletter

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Welcome to spring!

The Tacoma Lakes Improvement Society welcomes you to spring on our beautiful lakes. We especially wish to welcome the many lakefront owners who are receiving our newsletter for the first time. Last winter Vice President Joline Bell did an exhaustive review of town records and for the first time in many years our mailing list is up to date and accurate. If you are not familiar with our society please review this newsletter, our website at www.tacomalakes.org and our Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/TacomaLakesImprovementSociety>.

We hope you will like what you see and join our society today!

Treasurer's Report

May 1, 2014

The Tacoma Lakes Improvement Society enjoyed a successful financial year in 2013. Final membership for the year was 230. This is our highest membership since 2003, when money was raised for the dam repairs before turning the dam over to the town of Litchfield. Donations totaled \$2,844.00, up \$30.00 from 2012. Our surplus for the year was \$3,863.03. By any standard 2013 was very successful for your Society.

Once again in 2014 we applied for a state grant to help support our boat inspection program. We just received notice that we were approved for \$1,900.00 in 2014, a \$100.00 increase over last year. This is great news as the demand for this money continues to exceed the amount of money available.

Support from business sponsors is a growing part of our financial resources. Please be sure to support these wonderful local businesses by purchasing their products and services. Let them know you are a TLIS member and thank them for supporting your Society!

We continue to invest our surplus safely in government insured checking account and two CD's. The interest rates are very low but your money is safe.

Our audit committee will be reviewing all of our 2013 financial records soon. A full report from the committee will be made at the Annual Meeting.

A complete 2013 financial statement is available at any time to members only.

Please send your request to memberservice@tacomalakes.org or call me at 860-614-6321.

Thank you,

Buddy Potts
Treasurer



President's Letter 2014

Dear Members:

It is with great enthusiasm that your society is sending you this newsletter since it means that winter has finally ended! It certainly was a winter to remember with extreme cold, punishing snow storms, and flooded basements. This winter may have created a whole new flock of snowbirds for next year!

First and foremost I want to thank all of you for continuing to maintain your membership in our society. Each year we see our memberships grow as do your donations and we can't thank you enough for both. Every last penny is used for TLIS activities and no directors or officers receive any compensation other than the satisfaction of knowing our efforts to maintain the Tacoma watershed will not only allow all of us, but hopefully our descendants, to enjoy the pleasures of our lake system.

This year again will see your organization, with the support and assistance of the Friends of the Cobbossee Watershed, continue to attack the milfoil infestation in Purgatory Stream. To date, thousands of dollars have been expended in an effort to eradicate this invasive plant in order to reduce the threat to the Tacoma Lakes Chain. Thanks go to the Town of Litchfield for allowing FOCW to store benthic mats on town property until this season.

The Purgatory dam did not get the attention it should have in 2013 although through Terry's efforts and those of the town crew, the mechanical gate was tested and proven operational. Efforts will continue this year to find a company willing to do routine maintenance on this dam that is within a budget that the town can afford.

I would feel negligent if I did not again mention the beavers' continuing efforts to dam Jimmy stream. Last fall they had succeeded in creating a large enough dam that it was holding water in the stream at least one foot higher than water on the Buker side of the dam. When I thought that all hope was gone, Mother Nature released a torrent of rain over two days that simply washed out 75% of the dam, primarily in the center. That damage, along with the fact that trees were less plentiful due to their previous cutting, appears to have discouraged them so far this year and as this is written it should be an easy passage up Jimmy stream this spring. However, beavers tend to have short memories so I'm sure the battle will continue.

Sincerely

Bruce Doyle, President



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SAVE THE DATE!!

Annual Meeting

The Tacoma Lakes Improvement Society Annual Meeting and breakfast is scheduled for **Saturday, July 12th 2014** at the Sportsman's Club in Litchfield. Mark your calendar now for this exciting event! The breakfast will start at 8:30 AM and end at 9:30 AM. A brief business meeting will follow with speaker presentations. One of those speakers will be Steve Ochmanski, Code Enforcement Office for Litchfield, who will briefly speak about building related issues in shoreland zones and answer any questions you might have. A silent auction will be held as a fund raiser and will include interesting and even delicious items. We hope to see you at this exciting annual event! Election of officers and directors will be held at the Annual Meeting.

Business Donations for the Annual Meeting Auction

The Tacoma Lakes Improvement Society is seeking donations from local businesses for auction items for our Annual Meeting silent auction. We welcome almost any item including gift certificates and discounts on business services. Food items are always appreciated! The auction has become an important fund raiser and will directly benefit the Society's important work. Please contact Bruce Doyle at 207-312-3698 for further information. Thank you for past auction items and we appreciate your support again this year!

Annual Meeting Auction

Who makes the top pie or dessert around the Tacoma Lakes? It could be you. Just dust off your recipe box and put your pastry to the test! At past annual meetings, pies were the hot sellers in our Silent Auction, so we wanted to give all you bakers a head start to prepare a pie or dessert for the July 12th meeting. Please include the name of your contribution with a list of ingredients, or with the full recipe if you are willing to share it.

If you are not a baker, what better way to enjoy a yummy pie than to bid on your neighbors' pies or desserts?

If you cannot bring your pie to the Sportsman's Club that morning, contact Diane Clay ahead of time to arrange for a pick up at 207-268-3247.

Thank you!!

Tacoma Lakes Improvement Society Spring Contest!

Spring is here! We thought it might be fun to hold a contest to help us celebrate the end of our long winter.

We all love our beautiful lakes. Every vista is unique and beautiful. Where on our lakes was the picture taken? Take a look and let us know. The winner will receive a \$100.00 gift certificate from TLIS Sponsor *Emery's Meat and Produce*. Now there's a delicious prize! You will also receive two TLIS tote bags. How's that for a great deal. Good Luck everyone! Have Fun!!

Rules:

There is no cost to enter the contest. The only qualification to participate is 2014 dues must be paid.

2014 Dues must be paid by June 7, 2014 to be eligible to participate. All members and the family are eligible so long as dues have been paid.

Please identify the specific location and the pond where the photo was taken. Be as detailed and specific as possible. To see the photo in color please visit our website: www.tacomalakes.org.

All entries must be received not later than **Saturday, June 7, 2014**.



Entries may be sent by email to memberservice@tacomalakes.org or by mail to:

Tacoma Lakes Improvement Society, PO Box 293, Litchfield ME 04350

Late entries will not be considered. If more than one entry is correct, one winner will be picked by pulling one name out of a hat. If there is no winner all entries will be placed in a hat and one picked.

Judges will be members of the TLIS board of directors. Their decision will be final.

Members of the TLIS and their families are not eligible to participate.

The winner will be announced at the TLIS Annual Meeting and the prize will be presented at the meeting. The winner does not have to be present to win.

Free Brush Chipping



TLIS is still looking for more members interested in **free brush chipping** on July 28 and July 29th of this year. This free service is provided by the Maine Forest Service and we still have space available for a few more brush piles. That department, in coordination with TLIS directors, will pick up brush at your residence or seasonal property and either chip it on location or move it to another location for chipping.

For further information or an application please contact Bruce Doyle at bdoyles@roadrunner.com (312-3698) or TLIS via our regular mailing address at **Tacoma Lakes Improvement Society, PO Box 293, Litchfield, ME. 04350.**

Please note that there are restrictions on the piles and pay close attention to the checklist that comes with the application. The Maine Forest Service reserves the right to not chip any piles that do not comply with their requirements.

Loons and Lead



LD730: An Act to Protect Maine's Loons by Banning Lead Sinkers and Jigs.

Lead Poisoning is the leading cause of death of adult loons in Maine; it is responsible for close to one third of the documented mortality over the past 25 years. LD730 was passed by both the House and Senate; it bans the sale and use of lead fishing sinkers one ounce or less, as well as bare lead-headed jigs 2.5" long or less.

Why do loons ingest lead jigs and sinkers?

Adult loons catch fish with lost or broken lead jigs and sinkers or they accidentally pick up lead objects while swallowing gravel from lake bottoms.

Once ingested, lead objects quickly dissolve in loon gizzards, which elevates lead levels in blood and tissues and causes death in as little as two weeks.

Lead sinkers and jigs kill otherwise healthy adult loons that breed on Maine's lakes and ponds.

Alternative jigs and sinkers made from tin, bismuth and tungsten are readily available

Lead-free sinkers and jigs are slightly more expensive than their lead counterparts, but are safe and nontoxic for people and wildlife.

<http://maineaudubon.org/wildlife-habitat/legislative-action/loons>

"Of all the paths you take in life, make sure some lead to the lake"

2013 & 2014 Tacoma Lakes Fish Stocking Report

Maine's Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife maintains a number of fish hatcheries in this state, which it uses to maintain an aggressive stocking program for Maine Lakes. That program can be found at <http://www.maine.gov/ifw/fishing/reports/stocking/index.htm>. Ice fishermen have reported nice catches of brook and brown trout during the 2013/2014 season, which is probably attributable to last year's stocking program in the Tacoma Lakes Chain. We would anticipate that this year's stocking dates and amounts will be close to last year so get those rods and reels cleaned and ready to fish!

Date	Water	Species	Quantity	Size
04/18/2013	Sand Pond	Brook Trout	400	10"
05/03/2013	Sand Pond	Brook Trout	400	10"
10/23/2013	Sand Pond	Brook Trout	175	13"
11/05/2013	Sand Pond	Brook Trout	250	12"
04/23/2014	Sand Pond	Brook Trout	400	10"
04/18/2013	Woodbury Pond	Brook Trout	400	10"
10/23/2013	Woodbury Pond	Brook Trout	300	13"
11/05/2013	Woodbury Pond	Brook Trout	250	12"
04/23/2014	Woodbury Pond	Brook Trout	400	10"

Tacoma Lake chain falls under the general law and regulations and below are the regulations in place for 2013. Daily bag limits in Tacoma Lakes chain is 5 brook trout (6+ inches), 2 brown trout (18+ inches), and 2 rainbow trout (12+ inches). Bass caught from April 1 to June 30 are limited to 2 by artificial lure only and must be at least 10". From July 1 to September 30, 3 bass may be kept each day with a minimum of 10" and only 1 over 14". From October 1 to March 31, regulations only allow 1 bass of at least 10". In regard to pickerel, one is allowed 10 fish per day with no length limit and an unlimited number of white perch. Please do not hesitate to contact DIFW at 207-287-8000 should you have any questions in regard to these regulations.



Photos by Joline Bell

2014 Bass Tournaments



Bass tournaments will be held again this year on Tacoma Lakes. TLIS members should note these days on their calendars since launching and retrieving of members' boats at the Purgatory launch will be difficult those days and parking will be at a minimum. Organized clubs, such as these, are required to have their own invasive species inspectors examining each boat at launch and retrieval and are required to submit proof of such inspection to the state.

Date	Club Name	Representative	Phone	Tournament Type
04/26/2014	Kennebec Valley Bass masters	A. Balcomb	582-1213	Club/Weigh In
06/21/2014	Western Maine Anglers	C. Brewer	897-9469	Club/Weigh In
06/27/2014	Nite Bite Bassers	R. LaFlamme Jr.	229-7110	Open/Weigh In
10/04/2014	Southern Maine Anglers	K. Tuttle	854-0182	Club/Weigh In
10/05/2014	Bronzeback Mainiacs	R. Boles	897-2772	Club/Weigh In
10/12/2014	Maine Country Bassers	Bryan Mooney	440-7963	Open/Weigh In

The State of Maine requires organized bass tournaments conducted on inland lakes to first obtain a permit from the state Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. This does not prohibit individual bass fisherman to gather in small groups and fish local lakes without a permit. The registered tournaments differ in that a weigh in is usually conducted at the launch site and records are kept of catches.

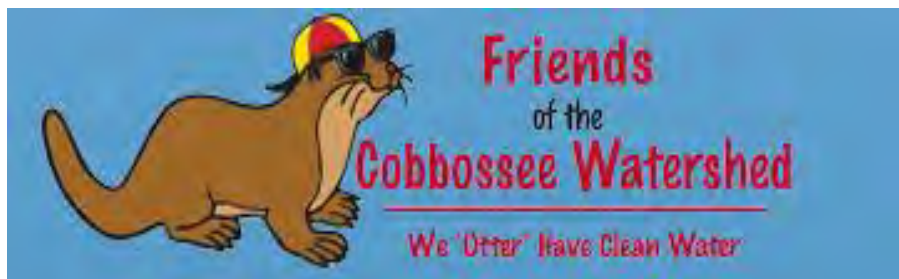
Latest Water Quality Summaries

Members are directed to the following websites to find lake information on the overall water quality ratings of the lakes in the Tacoma lake chain:

<http://lakesofmaine.org> and <http://maine.gov/dep/blwq/lake.htm>. The Cobbossee Watershed District (CWD) in conjunction with the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (ME-DEP) and the Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program (VLMP) have collaborated in the collection of lake data to evaluate water quality, track algal blooms, and determine water quality trends. The dataset does not include bacteria, mercury, or nutrients other than phosphorus.

For those without internet access:

- The water quality of **Woodbury Pond** is considered to be **above average** with a potential for nuisance algal blooms of low to moderate.
- The water quality of **Buker Pond** is considered **average** with the potential for nuisance algal blooms of medium to high.
- The water quality of **Jimmy Pond** is considered to be slightly **below average** with a potential for nuisance algal blooms of moderate.
- The water quality of **Sand Pond** is considered **above average** with a potential for nuisance algal blooms of low.
- The water quality of **Little Purgatory Pond** is considered slightly **below average** with a potential for nuisance algal blooms of low.



THANK YOU FRIENDS OF THE COBBOSSEE WATERSHED!

Their Mission "To engage individuals, businesses and communities in protecting and improving the lakes, ponds and streams of the Cobbossee Watershed."

The Friends are an amazing partner to TLIS. Their work benefits our entire watershed, not just the Tacoma Lakes. The Friends have provided the following services to TLIS last year:

- ❖ Managed and paid inspectors, ensuring our boat launch was covered holidays, Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays.
- ❖ Provided payroll service, insurance and payroll taxes for the paid inspectors working the Woodbury boat launch. TLIS reimbursed them for these costs.
- ❖ Arranged for Friends staff and paid divers for the milfoil remediation on Cobbossee Stream. They also provided the benthic barriers. TLIS volunteers assisted. 2014 is the fourth year of this project. This remediation would have been impossible with the leadership and hard work of FOCW!
- ❖ Filed reports on our behalf for the state grant.

If you are not a member of FOCW, please consider joining. Their membership is free. For details please visit their website at: www.watershedfriends.com

Maine Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program



The Mission of the Maine Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program is to help protect Maine lakes through widespread citizen participation in the gathering and dissemination of credible scientific information pertaining to lake health. The VLMP trains, certifies and provides technical support to hundreds of volunteers who monitor a wide range of indicators of water quality, assess watershed health and function, and screen lakes for invasive aquatic plants and animals. In addition to being the primary source of lake data in the State of Maine, VLMP volunteers benefit their local lakes by playing key stewardship and leadership roles in their communities

Please visit their website for more information: <http://www.mainevlmp.org>

Psst!

Want to avoid a ticket on Tacoma Lakes by a Maine Game Warden?

The Tacoma Lakes chain is patrolled regularly by Maine Game Wardens and the best way to avoid an expensive ticket is to simply follow the Maine Boating Laws, which can be found on-line at <http://www.boat-ed.com/maine/handbook>. Some of the laws most commonly violated are:

Operating a watercraft in a water safety zone at greater than head-way speed; that zone means the water within 200 feet of any shoreline, whether mainland or island (note: the entire length of Jimmy Stream is considered a water safety zone).

All vessels must have a least one USCG lifejacket on board for each person. For example, should you be swimming and climb into a rubber raft, you could be summonsed for failure to have a lifejacket with you.

It is illegal to operate any watercraft, water ski, surfboard, or similar device in such a way to recklessly create a substantial risk of serious bodily injury to another person. (You may not tow a tube or other device under any bridge at any time if that tube or device has a person in it.)

Any watercraft operating after dark must have navigational lights on both the front and rear of the watercraft. Personal watercraft may not be operated during the hours between sunset and sunrise.

You may not operate a watercraft in area marked or buoyed for swimming.

Any person under 16 years of age may not operate a personal watercraft, which includes jet-skis. Persons 16 to 18 years of age may operate a personal watercraft if they have successfully completed an approved education course or if accompanied by a person 18 years of age or older. Proof of age and course completion must be possessed while operating the personal watercraft. Any person operating a personal watercraft must wear a Type 1, II or III PFD. A person or guardian of a minor (under 18) is responsible for that minor's actions while operating a personal water craft.

No person may throw, drop, deposit, discard, or otherwise dispose of any litter any fresh water lake, river or stream.

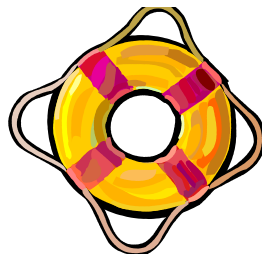
Any person who operated or attempts to operate a watercraft while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs or combination of both or having a blood alcohol content of 0.08% or over is guilty of a criminal violation.

Required Equipment Checklist

	PWC	Boat Less Than 16'	Boat 16' to Less Than 40'	Paddle craft
Boater Education Certificate On Board	✓ 1			
Registration Certificate On Board	✓	✓	✓	✓ 11
Validation/ Lake and River Protection Stickers Displayed	✓ 2	✓ 2	✓ 2	✓ 11
Life Jackets: Type I, II, or III ³	✓ 4	✓ 5	✓ 5	✓
Throwable Flotation Device (Type IV)			✓ 6	✓ 6
Type B-I Fire Extinguisher(s)	✓	✓	✓	✓
Backfire Flame Arrestor	✓	✓ 7	✓ 7	
Ventilation System	✓ 8	✓ 8	✓ 8	✓ 8
Muffler	✓	✓	✓	
Sound-Producing Device	✓	✓	✓	✓ 11
Daytime Visual Distress Signals			✓ 9	
Nighttime Visual Distress Signals	10	✓ 9	✓ 9	
Navigation Lights	10	✓	✓	✓ 11,12

- Required for operators 16 and 17 years of age or for operators who are accompanied on board by a person 18 years of age or older.
- Vessels not registered in Maine that are operating on Maine internal waters also must display valid Maine Lake and River Protection Stickers. They must be affixed to both sides of the bow, immediately to the right of the vessel's validation sticker.
- Type IV throwable devices do not satisfy this requirement. Also, inflatable life jackets must be worn at all times. All life jackets must be readily accessible, in serviceable condition, and of the appropriate size for the intended wearer.
- Every person on board a PWC must wear a USCG-approved life jacket at all times.
- Children 10 years old and under must wear a USCG-approved life jacket at all times while on board a vessel. Additional requirements apply on specific waterways.
- Required on all paddle craft over 16 feet, except canoes and kayaks.
- Certain outboard-powered vessels that are not carrying passengers for hire are exempt from this requirement if the vessel's construction will not permit the entrapment of flammable gases or vapors (see page 33).
- Required on all gasoline and diesel engines installed in a powerboat (except outboard motors).
- Required only if operating on federally controlled waters (see page 31).
- Some items are not applicable to personal watercraft since these vessels may not be operated between sunset and sunrise (see page 31).
- Required only on paddle craft that have a motor attached.
- Manually propelled watercraft must have on board a lantern or flashlight showing a white light. The light must be exhibited in time to prevent a collision.

Other equipment requirements also may apply to your specific vessel.





IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

Emergency (Fire, Police, Ambulance)	911	
Litchfield Town Office	268-4721	FAX 268-2196
Litchfield Town Transfer Station	268-9164	
Litchfield Animal Control	459-9585	Jeff Flaherty
Litchfield Post Office	268-4088	
Monmouth Town Office	933-2206	FAX 993-3413
Monmouth Police and Animal Complaints	933-9089	FAX 933-4158
Inland Fisheries & Wildlife (Game Warden)	287-8000	
Operation Game Thief (Poacher Hotline)	800-253-7887	
Maine Fire Marshall's Office	626-3870	
State Police (non-emergency)	800-452-4664	
Kennebec Sheriff's Office (non-emergency)	800-4981930	
Tacoma Lakes Improvement Society	312-3698	
Dept. Environmental Protection (Permitting)	800-452-1942	
Friends of Cobbossee Watershed	621-4100	
Litchfield Town Office	www.litchfieldmaine.com	
Maine State Government	www.maine.gov	
Friends of Cobbossee Watershed	www.watershedfriends.com	
Maine Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program	www.mainevlmp.org	



Summer Reading Suggestions

Summer reading allows us to escape the dreariness of winter while allowing us to enjoy the sun and imagine ourselves in another setting. Some new items at the Gardiner Public Library that folks may enjoy this summer are:

Still life with bread crumbs by Anna Quindlen. Broken by city life, an aging woman moves to a small cabin in the middle of nowhere where she finds peace, inspiration, and the unexpected love of a husky roofer 30 years her junior.

Cell by Robin Cook. This medical thriller is about the smartphone's new role in medicine - and will both please and scare fans of the genre. A medical app called iDoc seems to be killing patients. Has it been hacked?

The flight of the Silvers by Daniel Price. A thrilling genre-bending saga about six extraordinary people whose fates become entwined on an Earth far different from their own.

Maine Coast & Islands by Christina Tree. Here is an explorer's guide to help you find some new places in Maine just waiting to be discovered by you.

Five-plant gardens by Nancy Ondra. Here are 52 ways to grow a perennial garden with just five plants.

Our web site at www.gpl.lib.me.us will direct everyone to our hours and services, including using your library card to download audiobooks or e-books from home.



THANK YOU DONORS!

Please note that membership dues only provide about 1/3 of our annual expenses. Our dues do not even cover our largest expense, the inspectors at the boat launch. Your board of directors would like to thank the members who have made donations in addition to your dues. These donations are an essential part of our ability to help protect our lakes. All donors are acknowledged on our website, which is updated regularly.

Bottle Donation

TLIS continues to welcome your bottle donations that are being left in the blue barrels at the town recycling center. This remains one of our most important fund raisers. If you could bag the bottles in plastic bags prior to putting them in the barrels it would be greatly appreciated otherwise it can be somewhat of a messy job fishing them out and bagging them. Thank you!


LEGISLATION AFFECTING TACOMA LAKES & ALL MAINE LAKES

During the 2013-2014 Maine 126th Legislature, a bill, LD 1626, titled "An Act to Fund Invasive Species Prevention and Control" was submitted. This bill originally would have increased the invasive sticker fee all motorized boat owners pay when registering their watercraft for use on Maine waters. In addition, it would have changed the percentage of those monies currently being split between the Department of Environmental Protection and the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

We are pleased to report that as of this newsletter that bill was passed, after various amendments, and had an emergency preamble, which requires a 2/3 vote in the legislature. Upon the governor's signature, it would become law.

The final draft of the bill removed any fee increase for protection stickers, but did increase from 60% to 80% the percentage of those fees dedicated to the Invasive Aquatic Plant and Nuisance Species Fund in the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. It also requires the Commissioner of Environmental Protection to use at least 20% of the money for eradication activities.

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Melting snow or a summer rainstorm can quickly wash phosphorus from your fertilizer and other pollutants off your lawn and into our lakes, rivers and bays. Phosphorus is like junk food for algae causing it to grow out of control, turning our waters green, lowering water quality and even killing fish. Even if you live far from the shorefront, all storm water eventually makes its way to our waters, with half eventually draining into our lakes and the other half draining in our rivers or bays.

Most soils in Maine naturally have enough phosphorus to keep a lawn lush and green so if you use fertilizer, make sure it is phosphorus-free (noted by the “0” in the middle number describing the fertilizer blend). Only use phosphorus when establishing a new lawn, re-seeding or when recommended by a soil test from a lab.

Maine Law

Rather than ban the sale of lawn fertilizer containing phosphorus as some other states have done, Maine has chosen to empower retailers and educate consumers by requiring stores that sell fertilizer to post signs explaining when it is appropriate to use fertilizers with phosphorus. The law ([38 MRSA 419](#)) states: "A person may not sell fertilizer containing phosphorus at a retail store after January 1, 2008 unless the seller posts a Department of Environmental Protection approved sign that indicates the product is not appropriate for use on non-agricultural lawn or turf due to potential adverse effects on water quality except when:

1. Soil test results from a laboratory indicate that additional phosphorus is needed for lawn or turf; or
2. The fertilizer will be used in establishing a new lawn or turf, including establishing turf at a sod farm, or for re-seeding or over-seeding existing lawn or turf."

Questions to Consider

How much fertilizer should I apply?

If you must fertilize - avoid over fertilizing! Measure your lawn area to determine the square footage. Then calibrate your spreader to apply one-half the recommended amount of fertilizer based on the bag's label. Watch for lawn response. Reapply at the reduced rate when your lawn's response is not acceptable. More is not better. Don't apply before spring green-up. The best time is September.

To have a good looking lawn, do I even need to fertilize my lawn?

No, if you leave your grass clippings (the natural fertilizer) and your lawn is 10 or more years old there are enough nutrients in the soil to grow a healthy lawn. (And clippings don't lead to thatch.) Younger lawns may need nitrogen: look for bags with 10-0-0 on the label.

How do I find phosphorus-free fertilizers in the store?

The amount of phosphorus can be located by looking for the three numbers on the package. The numbers indicate the percent of nitrogen, phosphorus and potash. Look for packages where the middle number is zero for phosphorus-free.

How can I get a soil test done?

Get your soil test kit at stores that sell fertilizer, [University of Maine Cooperative Extension Offices](#), [Soil & Water Conservation Districts](#) and the [University of Maine Soil Testing Service](#).

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