



Become the PROUD owner of a **CLEAN WATER COOPERATOR** sign.

Visit Tri Lakes Management District office at 1555 Apache Ave and sign a contract to abide by Rome's revised fertilizer ordinance and PROTECT our lakes and streams!

Contact Dave Trudeau for information on applying for a Healthy Lakes Grant to offset the cost of your shoreline project, and your property can look like this **OUTSTANDING** shoreline.

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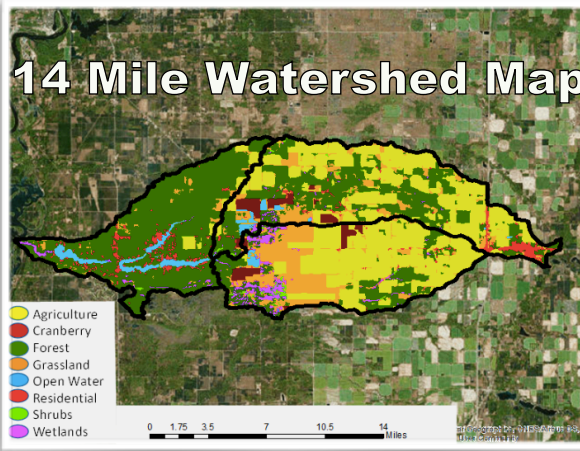
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This Brochure is presented by YOUR

14 Mile Joint Watershed Committee

A public led advisory committee that was reconfirmed by the Tri-Lakes Management District at its 2017 Annual Meeting. It is made up of private citizens representing Lakes Camelot, Sherwood, Arrowhead and Petenwell, as well as citizens at large, representatives of the Town of Rome, Wisconsin DNR, and Adams County Land Conservation. The objective of the committee is to improve water quality in our Town's lakes and streams, realizing that there are a number of contributing factors including, but not limited to, upstream agriculture, shoreline erosion, fertilizer application, septic systems and water flow.



The committee seeks to build upon various groups to partner in its endeavor to improve water quality and the health of the lakes and streams in the 14 Mile Watershed. Groups identified to lead this effort include the following: Lake Sherwood Property Owners Association, Lake Camelot Property Owners Association, Lake Arrowhead Property Owners Association, Petenwell and Castle Rock Stewards, Town of Rome, and Adams County.



LAWN FERTILIZER REGULATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

IF YOU MAINTAIN A LAWN IN THE TOWN OF ROME, THIS PERTAINS TO YOU!

PLEASE read this important information to improve the overall water quality of our lakes and streams in the Town of Rome and OUR 14 Mile Watershed through controlled use of lawn fertilizers.

Adherence to this Lawn Fertilizer Ordinance will prevent algae blooms (like toxic blue-green algae), decreased oxygen levels, and fish kills. **REMEMBER**, clean lawns make dirty water we all have to live with.

Lawn Fertilizer Recommendations:

- Lakes, stream, wetland and pond property buffer zones of 35 feet, required by state law, should be planted, and not fertilized.
- Soil Tests should be done every 3 years to support how much fertilizer is used.
- Lake friendly, slow release granular fertilizer should be used, DO NOT USE “quick release” granular or liquid fertilizer.
- State and local law requires fertilizers to be Phosphate (phosphorus) free!
- Nitrogen applications should be limited to 1.5 pounds per 1000 square feet of application. Do not use fertilizer that contains less than 20% slow release nitrogen.
- Recommended fertilizer application grade is 20-0-10, unless a current soil test warrants a change.
- Lime applications will assist plants to take up more nutrients (such as fertilizer), Refer to your soil test to determine which type is best.
- Limit fertilizer applications to no more than three times per year, unless your soil test calls for more.
- If grass clippings are NOT bagged (left as mulch on the lawn), then two annual applications is recommended.
- If lake water is used for irrigation, two annual applications are recommended.
- DO NOT apply fertilizer within 24 hours of forecasted significant rainfall.
- Irrigation systems should not be operated within 24 hours of a fertilizer application, unless a light watering is used to introduce the fertilizer into the surface of the ground.
- NO grass clippings, vegetative material, or vegetative debris may be deposited, swept or blown into any lake, stream, creek or drainage ditch.

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REGULATIONS FOR LAWN FERTILIZER APPLICATION

- Only use lawn fertilizers with 0% phosphorus or other compound containing phosphorus, such as phosphate.



- Only use lawn fertilizers labeled as containing less than 20% slow release nitrogen.
- Don't apply lawn fertilizer when the ground is frozen.
- Be careful not to apply fertilizer to impervious surfaces including parking lots, roadways, and sidewalks.
- Buffer zones of 35 feet are required by state law for lakes, streams, wetland and ponds, and fertilizer should not be applied to the buffer zones.
- Lawn clippings cannot be discharged into any drainage ditch, lake, stream or creek.

ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTY

A designated agent shall enforce this ordinance. Any person who violates this fertilizer ordinance shall be subject to a fine of \$30 (plus court costs and fees) per violation. If you use a commercial applicator, he is also bound by this ordinance, and is subject to fines as well.

Please go to the Town of Rome website (www.romewi.com) for a list of **Preferred Fertilizer Applicators** who follow the ordinance, by entering “Commitment to Fertilizer Ordinance” in the SEARCH BAR. *

To review the entire ordinance, search online at “Chapter 9 Offenses and Nuisances-Town of Rome” and scroll down to pages 23-24, **9.09 REGULATIONS AND LAWN FERTILIZER APPLICATION**



FOR MORE INFORMATION:

- Go to: www.TriLakesManagement.com and click on “14 Mile Watershed Committee” and explore.
- Go to: www.RomeWi.com
- Go to: @14 Mile Watershed page and “Like Us”

