



Lac Malaga Community Association A Short Guide to Good Neighbourliness

Good practices to help us live together
in harmony and respect for all

Malaga Lake is an inviting and enchanting place to live. It is important to show civic-mindedness and courtesy towards each other. Small gestures and simple rules of conduct are essential to the harmony of our community.

Safety

To ensure a safe environment, reduce your speed to 30 km/h around the lake and respect the priority given to pedestrians. Inform your visitors, delivery people and others of this rule.

Lighting

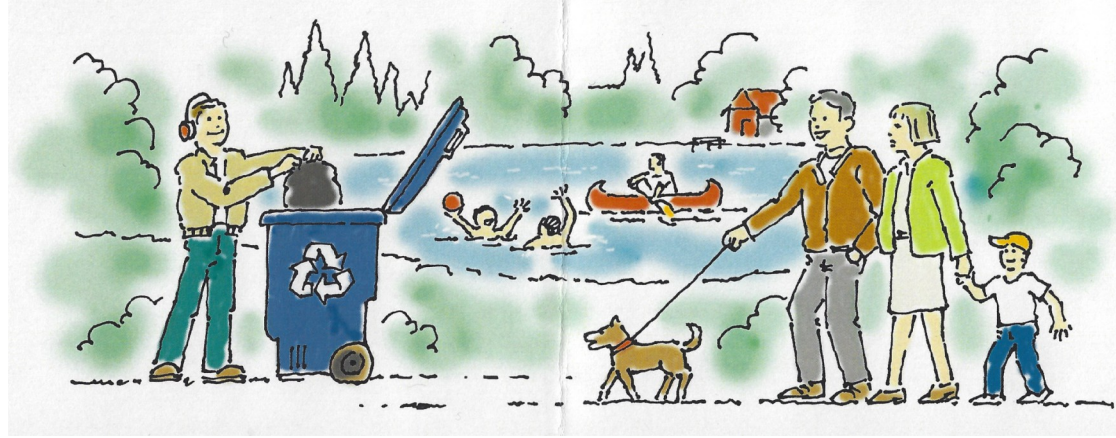
- Keep outdoor lighting to a minimum for a better view of the stars and the night sky.
- Bright lighting does not provide additional safety. Lighting that is on all night is a sign that the owner is not home.
- Choose a fixture with the light directed towards the ground. Control how long outdoor lights are on. Install a timer or motion detector, or simply turn off the lights in the late evening.
- Do not light the lake. Avoid lighting on docks, as it reflects off the water.

Noise

- Loud music or noise can be an annoyance to others. Be aware that the lake is a very powerful natural amplifier. It hears everything and repeats almost everything! Please respect your surroundings.
- Regarding the use of loudspeakers outdoors, the Municipality of Austin's bylaw states, "No person shall use...any sound system, radio or other sound reproducing instrument, or any other instrument...in such a manner as to interfere with the well-being, peace, quiet or rest of persons in the vicinity...."
- Avoid using noisy machinery on Sundays so that everyone can enjoy the peace and quiet of the lake and forest.

Trees

- Respect all municipal by-laws: do not cut grass, trees or bushes within 15 meters of the lake.
- Remove dead trees or dangerous branches from the roadside. If possible, clean the ditch in front of your property. The road will be better off.



Pets

- Keep your dog on your property. At no time should a dog roam unattended or wander onto neighbouring properties. Keep them on a leash to ensure everyone's safety.
- Out of respect for others, always pick up after your dog. Barking and howling is a noise nuisance and should be controlled.

The Lake

- Please follow all boating safety rules and be vigilant at all times.
- Always remember to clean boats that have been on other bodies of water. Our water quality is precious; let's do our best to preserve it.
- Do not feed ducks, geese or other wildlife. This keeps the water clean and prevents bather's dermatitis.
- Be vigilant with regards to aquatic plants. If in doubt, consult the rappel.qc.ca website and advise the association's environmental director if necessary.

Fires

- Making a fire requires an outdoor fire permit (valid for one day). It is mandatory and free of charge! A call to (819) 843-0000 is sufficient. The authorization (or prohibition) to light an outdoor fire will be given to you by recorded message depending on the weather conditions. Leave your name and the address of the place where you will be lighting the fire.
- Remember that municipal by-laws stipulate: "The site of a campfire must be delimited in such a way as to prevent its propagation, notably by the laying of stones. The diameter of the site must be less than 1.2 metres".
- Always use extreme caution when starting a fire. Keep a clear space around and above the flames. Never leave a fire unattended. Before leaving the area, make sure it is out.
- No fireworks are allowed around the lake to avoid chemical contamination of the water.

Enjoy our precious lake to the fullest. Thank you for taking care of its beauty and well-being. Let's make sure we do everything possible to preserve the integrity of the lake and its surroundings to maintain the value and quality of our environment.