



Top 5 things to do to protect our lake

1. **Always** thoroughly wash boats and objects that have been used elsewhere before launching them on our lake (water shoes, toys, life jacket, fishing or diving equipment, etc.).

When you welcome visitors, why not show solidarity among neighbors by using the boats already on our lake!

2. Given the ever-present threat of the invasion by exotic plants, **always** be on the lookout for new aquatic and non-aquatic plants during your outings on and around the lake

3. **Always** call 819-843-0000 to obtain authorization before making an outdoor fire.

4. **Always** use phosphate-free soaps and detergents for household use. In addition, ensure that your septic system is compliant and maintained. To find out which products to avoid in a septic tank: <https://www.bio-sol.ca/fr/10-produits-a-eviter-fosse-septique/>

5. **Always** leave the natural riparian buffer strip. Do not deforest the shore of the lake and, if necessary, reforest and revegetate the shoreline if it has been altered.



Top 5 things not to do!!!

1. **Never** use soap in the lake or near the lake. Do not use fertilizers, pesticides or chemical or biological fertilizers on the estate.

2. **Never** pull out aquatic plants without knowing what plant you are pulling out and how to do it.

3. **Never** feed ducks or geese to keep the water clean and prevent swimmer's itch.

4. **Never** throw litter in the lake.

5. **Never** use fireworks. They contain heavy metals which can contaminate the lake. Furthermore, they can cause a fire in the woods in addition to stressing wildlife and domestic animals.

For more information, please refer to the Short Guide to Good Neighbourliness:
<https://www.lac-malaga.ca/>

Your committee for the protection of Malaga Lake