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#### CHEMICAL TREATMENT

WLMD receives a permit from DNR to chemically treat weeds in Wind Lake. Most of the areas treated are shallow, weed-choked and restrict lake access for property owners. Studies show that early treatments are more effective at minimizing nuisance conditions using less chemicals, so we will be treating in early May, and early June, weather permitting.

The DNR permit for the chemical treatment is available on the WLMD website. Go to wlmd.org and click on the permit link.

# If you DO NOT want your shoreline to be treated, please complete the form provided in this newsletter. Please return the form immediately.

When the treatment takes place, areas which are treated will be posted with bright yellow signs, indicating what has herbicide has been used. The notice will also indicate if there are any recreational use restrictions following the treatment. The boat launch will also be posted with a treatment map. We will keep the wlmd.org website up to date as much as possible on when and where treatments are taking place.

The plants that are targeted for treatment include milfoil, curly-leaf and filamentous algae. Ocassionally, native plants are treated, but only if they are blocking navigation. DNR has the final say in all the treatment areas for chemical control and may deny the treatment of specific areas.

Let us know if you have had unusual weed problems. We will check it out. Please call or email with questions or concerns.

#### **ROADSIDE WEED PICKUP**

We are still working on refining this program. One of the limitations of the roadside pickup is our ability to dispose of the material. Our current disposal site is limited, so we are trying to balance those limitations with helping property owners get rid of weed fragments.

We will not be picking up "ice-off" debris. This often consists of cattails and branches which takes too long to break down at our disposal site. Property owners are free to take ice-off debris to the dump which is open 6 days a week.

Do not put lake sediment, dirt, rocks, branches, garbage or other debris in the piles.

Piles must be out by noon on Mondays and will be picked up between Monday afternoon and Weds evening. Pickups are tentatively scheduled for the weeks of:

May 4 and 18 June 1, 16, and 29 Sept 14 and 28 July 3 and 27 Aug 10 and 24

Any changes to the schedule will be posted on the website, wlmd.org. A clip-out schedule is included in this newsletter.

#### **HARVESTING**

The WLMD plans to conduct harvesting on the lake again in 2015. Harvesting is primarily used to open up navigational channels on the lake. It will also be used to collect large mats of floating plants on the open water. The Town has worked with us by allowing the cut weeds to be dumped at the old Transfer site. We are working under the 3rd year of a 5-year DNR permit.

### **CHEMICAL TREATMENT REJECTION FORM - 2015**

If you DO NOT want your shoreline to be treated for aquatic plant nuisances, you must return this form as soon as possible.

I hereby request that my shoreline NOT be chemically treated. I understand that NOT treating my shoreline will NOT reduce my annual tax.
Name (PRINT)
Address
Phone
Lake Address (if different)
Tax Key Number
Signature (Mandatory)
This form must be returned ASAP!
Send to: WLMD, 30910 Royal Hill Rd., Burlington, WI 53105
GOOSE ROUNDUP APPROVAL FORM - 2015
YOU HAVE MY PERMISSION TO ENTER ONTO MY PROPERTY TO CATCH AND REMOVE GEESE.
I authorize representative from US Department of Agriculture - Wildlife Services and Wind Lake Management District to access the property listed below for the purposes of goose management. This permission form has no expiration date and remains in effect unless you request to be removed from the approved site list. Please contact WLMD, 262-514-3238 if you wish to be removed from the list, have problems with geese on your property, or have any questions or concerns. Thank you for your assistance.
Name (PRINT)
Lake Address
Phone
Signature (Mandatory)
Please return form as soon as possible, no later than May 15, 2015!
Send to: WLMD, 30910 Royal Hill Rd., Burlington, WI 53105

#### **VOLUNTARY BOAT INSPECTION**

WLMD is partnering with Sportsman's Landing, The United States Power Squadron and the Pirates Boat Club to conduct boat inspections. Advanced registration is suggested.

May 16th 9:00 am - 3:00 pm Free 15 point inspection

Bring your boat to Sportsman's Landing by trailer or water. First 20 boats to pass inspection will receive a boat inspection sticker and a \$5.00 lunch credit to Sportsman's.

Pre-register by calling 262-895-7991.

#### LITTLE MUSKEGO LAKE CAUTION!

Please avoid taking your boat to Little Muskego - or at the very least, DO NOT GO INTO THE NW BAY. Thoroughly disinfect your boat whenever you transport between lakes, but especially Little Muskego. A very invasive specie, Starry Stonewort, has been found in Little Muskego, so it will take every effort we can put together to prevent it from moving downstream. This plant will ruin fish spawning areas and will destroy native plants. It can't be harvested and will be very difficult to eliminate. It has spread quickly through Michigan. Please help prevent the spread of invasive species!

#### **GEESE**

Wind Lake is in the 14th year of a program to reduce the numbers of geese on Wind Lake. This program has been very effective at reducing the numbers of non-migratory geese on the lake. If there are enough birds, we plan to conduct the goose roundup again in mid-June when the birds are without their flight feathers.

The goal of the program is to keep the numbers of geese in line with what the lake can support. The geese contribute to the water quality problems, including E-coli bacteria and increased phosphorus loadings.

IF YOU HAVE NOT SENT IN A FORM PREVI-OUSLY AND WE CAN GO ONTO YOUR PROP-ERTY TO REMOVE GEESE, PLEASE SEND IN THE FORM INCLUDED IN THIS NEWSLETTER. Your permission will continue through multiple years unless you rescind it. Please help us continue this very successful program.

Cut here and save!

## ROADSIDE WEED PICKUP SCHEDULE

Weeds must be at road by Noon on:					
May	4	18			
June	1	16	29		
July	3	27			
August	10	24			
September	14	28			

Do not put lake sediment, dirt, rocks, branches, garbage or other debris in the piles, only lake weeds.

#### WIND LAKE WEBSITE/EMAIL

www.wlmd.org info@wlmd.org

Check the website for changes in the weed pickup or harvesting schedules.

#### **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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Commissioners meetings are usually held the 4th Thursday of every month, with the November and December meetings combined. Meetings begin at 7:30 pm at the Norway Town Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend.

#### **NEED MORE INFORMATION?**

If you do, check out our website. The site has:

- · Meetings, schedules, agendas, and minutes
- Information about who to contact for various activities.
- The latest lake depth map of Wind Lake
- Other special notices as needed are also posted on the site.

We will also post any changes to the harvesting or roadside weed pickup schedule on the home page at www.wlmd.org.

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Wind Lake Management District 30910 Royal Hill Rd. Burlington, WI 53105