

## **EASY WAYS TO PROTECT LEELANAU WATERS**

- **Pump your septic system every three years**
- **Establish a buffer of plants between your home and the water to absorb runoff pollutants**
- **Don't fertilize your lawn; use lake water to irrigate**
- **Reduce *E. Coli* bacteria by not feeding waterfowl**
- **Clean up all pet waste near water**
- **Haul leaves away from shore; don't rake them into water**
- **Power wash your boat after leaving every water body to prevent spreading invasive species**
- **Dispose of motor oil, paint and household chemicals at hazardous waste collections; call 256-9812**

**Thanks for helping protect our water quality!**

**Leelanau Clean Water**

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