



make a clear difference for Flathead Lake

## Clean Water Practices Site Visit

Flathead Lake is one of the cleanest large lakes in the populated world and you can help keep it that way. Lakeshore properties, like homes, camps, marinas, parks, and resorts, are the last chance to clean stormwater runoff headed for Flathead Lake. You can learn to be a clean water steward and protect Flathead Lake. Contact the Flathead Lakers for a visit from our friendly, knowledgeable staff.



### WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF A SITE VISIT?

You will learn about lake-friendly practices you can implement on your property to protect clean water, like:

- best practices for lawn management
- buffer gardens that preserve your view **and** clean water
- septic system maintenance  
and more!



Waterfront Landscape Brochure

A site visit gives you an opportunity to ask questions about the lake and potential threats to our watershed. We also provide you with clear and informative brochures and fact sheets regarding shoreline best management practices (BMPs) and lakeshore living.

## HOW WE CAN HELP:

- Suggest ways to remediate stormwater drainage problems.
- Recommend alternatives to impervious surfaces, like driveways, rooftops, walkways, roads, etc.
- Provide septic system maintenance information.
- Propose ways to enhance your amount of vegetated buffer, or 'buffer gardens', above the shoreline without losing your view or desired open space. Vegetated buffers protect Flathead Lake from polluted runoff

**You will receive personalized suggestions on how to make your 'little piece of heaven' more lake-friendly.**



Before: Typical shoreline with lawn extending all the way to the lake.



After: A beautiful buffer garden now filters runoff from the lawn before it enters the lake.

## SITE VISITS PROVIDE:

- friendly and confidential suggestions to help you understand your impact on the lake and how you can help protect water quality.
- a great way to learn more about Flathead Lake and how to be a good steward of it and its watershed.

## HOW TO LEARN MORE

**The Flathead Lakers offer opportunities to learn more:**

*-Walk and Talk Tour:* Watch for our small group tours to see our two demonstration buffer gardens, lake-friendly lawns, and other clean water practices in use.

*-Living by Water Workshop:* Hands-on learning about Montana native plants and lake friendly landscaping practices. Visit our website or Facebook page for scheduled events.

*-Additional clean water practices fact sheets* and informational brochures are available on our website and at our office. Visit [www.flatheadlakers.org](http://www.flatheadlakers.org) 'Tips for Clean Water Stewards.



**Together, we can keep Flathead Lake blue!**

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