

Examples of Possible Educational Materials

HOW TO TUCK YOUR HOUSE INTO THE WOODS

- If we are going to continue having the feeling that we are in the woods - or - on a lake in the woods, we will have to change our ideas about what our houses and property look like.
- There are many white and light colored homes with large green lawns in town - and they are lovely. But - if we keep growing at the rate we are growing, and if there is to be a house about every 150 feet, we are going to have to think about changing our ways with any future development if we want to keep the Northwoods character of the town.
- We need to blend our houses so that we **first** see the woods and the lakes and **then** we see the house.
- Colors and materials for homes and outbuildings should blend with tree trunks and shadows, not necessarily the green leaves and needles because they change with the seasons and are very rarely true green. If you blend with the majority of the tree trunks and shadows, you will blend during all seasons.
- Colors that blend are; - wood tones(the darker cedars, redwoods, and weathered grays), - Green and blue(only if they are medium to dark and if they are grayed), - Brown, - Taupe, - and even Red if it is very dark. There are of course other colors not mentioned, but it would be so nice if they would be checked carefully and thoughtfully to be sure that they blend.

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DID YOU KNOW THAT FERTILIZER ON YOUR LAWN & GARDEN CAUSES WEEDS TO GROW IN THE LAKE?

- Because of our lovely sandy soil, the phosphates in the fertilizer go very quickly into the lake.
- It's only logical that if it makes your grass grow, it makes the lake grow.
- It may not have happened in your lake yet, but it's building up - and damaging the lake with every application.
- Consider the beauty of the natural woods. If you have pines, how about pine needles on the bare ground (doesn't that evoke memories of summer camp in the deep woods?) If not, how about native, low-growing ground covers. Think of the extra time you'll have, not having to deal with a lawn. It's hard to improve on Mother Nature.
- If you absolutely must have a fertilized lawn (but don't forget, this is not suburbia), at least use a fertilizer without phosphates. Still not good for the lake(if it makes the lawn grow, it makes the lake grow), but it's better than the standard phosphate laden stuff.

YOU HAVE A CHOICE:
A PERFECT LAWN - OR - A PERFECT LAKE!



DOES YOUR YARD LIGHT DISTURB YOUR NEIGHBORS?

(and others who are on the lake or passing through)

Check out the view of your property from various locations around your area and, if applicable, on and across your lake.

Does your light spoil the night view for others who have come to our beautiful northwoods to enjoy the night sky, the forest shoreline, the stars, the moonpath, and the Aurora Borealis?

Is yours one of the brightest lights on the shoreline?

Do you remember how pretty it used to be to see soft golden lights coming from cabin windows and porch lights. The new super bright yard and dock lights are as blinding as oncoming car headlights on bright.

We really don't need to be able to read by our yard light - it's just for lighting the way.

As beautiful as our house may be, most folks would rather look at the night sky and woods first.

If we **MUST** have annoying lights, we should purchase them with a shield - available at Menards or your supplier.

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