

Huron River Chain of Lakes Update

April 29, 2021

Treatment Permits: EGLE has issued the 2021 treatment permits. These permits are our guideline for all things herbicide treatment, what chemicals we can use, where and when we can use them and how much chemical we can use. If you have any questions please reach out to lakes@washtenaw.org.

Surveys: Progressive AE plans on completing their early season check of the canals and Tamarack on May 6th. Shallow areas like canals and Tamarack have required treatment earlier in the season historically, so an early survey is conducted. The full plant survey scheduled for beginning Monday, May 24th and ending on Tuesday, May 25th. Dates can change due to weather conditions. After surveys treatment will be scheduled as needed.

Treatment: Following Progressive AE's surveys, Aquatic Services will schedule treatment. Treatment maps will be uploaded [here](#). Treatment takes between 7 to 21 days to take effect, after which a review of the work is conducted. If treatment is ineffective, a subsequent treatment is conducted where necessary. An update will be sent out detailing the treatment plan closer to the date of treatment.

Please make sure you read the "Treatment Notice" posted for any and all water use restrictions related to the specific treatment in your area. These notifications will be posted along the shoreline on **YELLOW** pieces of paper. Aquatic Services maintains an online calendar letting residents know when they will be out on their lakes. Please check the calendar [here](#). These treatment dates can change due to weather so please keep checking back frequently.

Huron River Chain of Lakes Comments and Concerns Form: To assist Washtenaw County Staff and Progressive AE to streamline resident phone calls, emails, and concerns, we have created an online comment form to allow for better tracking, follow up, and data sharing. You can view the form here: <http://bit.ly/HRCOLConcerns>. When the season starts residents will be directed to use this form to submit areas of concern to be addressed by the management team. We look forward to implementing this process and look forward to the resident's support!

Riverfront and Lakeshore Properties: Rainwater and melting snow wash over the land carrying contaminants such as dirt, oil and toxic auto fluids, pesticides and fertilizer, bacteria from pet waste and failing septic systems, and even pavement heat into the nearest lake, river, or stream. This results in excessive aquatic plant growth and algal blooms, decreased water clarity, altered stream flows, degraded habitat, and shoreline erosion. To learn more about what you can do as a waterfront homeowner to help minimize runoff please visit the Huron River Watershed Council [website](#).

PFAS: The "Do Not Eat" advisory on the Huron River starts when N. Wixom Road crosses in Oakland County and extends downstream to the mouth of the Huron River as it enters Lake Erie in Wayne County. For a full list of water-bodies please visit <https://www.washtenaw.org/AlertCenter.aspx?AID=136>

Shoreland Steward Best Practices: Please visit the following site to learn more about the best practices for your shoreland! Small steps you take on your own shore can have BIG impacts for your lake's water quality. <https://www.mishorelandstewards.org/bestpractices.asp>

Washtenaw County Website with Lake Management Resources: A list of informational resources we have been accumulating have been posted on a central page now! On this webpage you can find information on Plant Management, Lake Muck, Native Shorelines and Boat Pitting. Please take a look at this [page](#)! If you have a resource, you think might be helpful for other residents who live on or enjoy lake life please forward it to Lakes@washtenaw.org.

Native Plant Expo and Marketplace: The Native Plant Expo & Marketplace offers residents one convenient location to shop for Michigan native plant growers, learn how to establish and maintain native landscaping and connect with companies specializing in planning native landscapes. **This event is happening Saturday, June 5th, 2021 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

Native Plant  **Expo & Marketplace**

Contact Sheet: Not sure who to call if you want additional information for lake related questions that are not part of the Lake Improvement Project? Check out our “Lakes Management Contact Sheet”

LAKES MANAGEMENT CONTACT SHEET	
AQUATIC NUISANCE CONTROL	LAKE LEVELS
CYANOBACTERIA BLOOMS	SPAN
FISH KILL	LEGAL DUMPING



Clean Boats Clean Waters: The program’s Mission: to prevent new aquatic invasive species introductions and limit their dispersal from water recreation activities through outreach and engagement.



EGLE is hosting a webinar series. You can learn more [here](#) and sign up for the webinars!



PFAS: What can YOU do if you think you spot PFAS foam on the lake? Visit the [States website](#) that provides detailed instructions on how to report it!



Keep it fresh. Keep it flowing. Water is one of Southeast Michigan’s invaluable assets. The water we drink, the water we enjoy, the water we flush... It’s all one water.

The One Water campaign was created to encourage greater public awareness and shared responsibility for drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater. By taking care of and investing in our interrelated water systems, we can keep our water fresh and flowing.



Herbicide Safety Data Sheets:
Found [HERE](#).

If you are interested in furthering your education on protecting your lake body, and you are a member of the PBWOA, the lake association will cover cost for educational classes and conferences. Please visit pbwoa.org for additional information.

Watch Your Mailbox!



We have sent out the 2021 resident mailer. This mailer will include a letter from the County, Educational Materials, and the 2021 Herbicide/Algaecide Treatment Notice. [View the mailer here!](#)