

# Frequently Asked Questions about *LakeSmart*

## What is *LakeSmart*?

*LakeSmart* is an education and reward program for lakefront home owners who maintain their property in ways that protect lake property values, water quality and wildlife.

## What Does It Cost?

Nothing.

## How long does a *LakeSmart* evaluation take?

The *LakeSmart* visit takes about an hour. You will receive information about lake-friendly land practices. You will be contacted after the visit if you qualify for a Commendation or the prestigious *LakeSmart* Award.

## How Can I Participate?

*LakeSmart* is entirely voluntary. Call Coastal Rivers to arrange a *LakeSmart* visit from one or two of our trained volunteers. They will come to your home to assess your property in four different categories: **Driveway/parking areas; Structures/septic system; Yard; and Shoreline/water access.** You could receive a *LakeSmart Start* Commendation and helpful suggestions to make recommended improvements to achieve the award. If your property scores well in all four categories, you will be given the *LakeSmart* Award, a handsome blue and white sign(s) for posting at lakefront and/or roadside.

## What's the Bottom Line for *LakeSmart*?

- High property values
- Clean, clear, healthy water
- Abundant wildlife on land and in the water
- Outstanding recreational opportunities
- Awareness of Best Practices in water quality management

## Thank You for Caring About Our Lakes!

*LakeSmart* is a Program of the *Maine Lakes Society* - [mainelakessociety.org](http://mainelakessociety.org)  
in partnership with *Coastal Rivers Conservation Trust* - [coastalrivers.org](http://coastalrivers.org)

*LakeSmart* is one of the most effective lake protection programs available today. It recognizes waterfront homeowners who use natural landscaping strategies to protect the health of their lake.

## For a *LakeSmart* evaluation on your Lake or Pond Contact:



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