

The Eagle Lake Improvement District Board of Directors would like all property owners to be aware of MN DNR guidelines regarding boating and its environmental impacts.

Almost every motorized watercraft creates a wake and understanding its impact on the lake supports responsible and enjoyable boating. Large wakes produced by watercraft can result in a variety of negative environmental consequences, including shoreline erosion, impaired water quality and loss of shoreline vegetation, which provides important habitat for fish and wildlife. These impacts are greater when water levels are high and shorelines are saturated.

The ELID Board is promoting the following guidelines from the MN DNR with regard to the operation of watercrafts on Eagle Lake. These guidelines should be communicated to any visitors at your property. We plan to post these guidelines at the lake access as well.

- Under Minnesota law, the damage your wake causes is treated the same as damage caused by an actual collision.
- **Please keep your boat at least 200 feet from shore, docks or other structures when operation causes a wake.** At this distance, boaters can reduce the likelihood of causing damage to the shoreline and vegetation in the water. Recent research of wake boats suggests an even further distance from shore and operation in deeper water may be needed to prevent damage. **Please operate wake boats in the middle of the lake in water depths of at least 20 feet.**
- Observe a no wake zone in shallow waters and avoid boating in water less than 2½ feet deep. High speeds near shorelines lead to large wakes that cause shoreline erosion.

When you are tubing, waterskiing, or any other activity that pulls a person behind the boat, it is recommended that the watercraft starts and ends each run within the middle of the lake (i.e. away from shore.) Please avoid starting a run that creates a wake at your dock or near the shoreline and try to head into deeper waters away from land. If you are dropping off tubers or skiers, etc, the watercraft should slow when entering the no wake zone or consider creating a “V” pattern dropoff to minimize the wake near any structures or shoreline. Large wakes parallel to land, especially within 200 feet of shore, can cause the most damage. Please help us protect our beautiful lake and shoreline for many years to come.

This document will be on our ELID website for reference. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to us via email. More information can also be found at the Minnesota DNR website.

ELID Website: <https://www.eaglelakeotc.com/elid>

Minnesota DNR Website: <https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/safety/boatwater/etiquette.html> & <https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/safety/boatwater/own-your-wake.html>

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