

Lake Meahagh has been classified by the NYSDEC as an impaired water-body due to excessive phosphorus.

The Town has taken action to help restore Lake Meahagh by performing water quality studies, invasive species, management, and cleaning cash basins.

Now we ask **YOU** to please take initiative and protect the health and beauty of **Lake Meahagh** for the future:

- Pump your septic regularly
- Pick up pet waste
- Eliminate use of fertilizers
- Bag and dispose leaves and lawn clippings

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR
COOPERATION!**

Town of Cortlandt
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Director
Dept. of Technical Services

Useful Links:

<https://www.health.ny.gov/publications/3208.pdf>
<https://www.health.ny.gov/septicystems>
<https://www.townofcortlandt.com/projects>



Protect LAKE MEAHAGH for the FUTURE

Rain Gardens



Rain Barrels

Regularly



pump and inspect



your septic systems



Lake Meahagh

***Annual Stormwater
Prevention***

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HOW TO PREVENT POLLUTED STORMWATER RUNOFF FOR LAKE MEAHAGH

When your **pets** goes on the ground



it goes into **Lake Meahagh**

When you **fertilize** your lawn



you're fertilizing **Lake Meahagh**

When you wash your car in the **driveway**



you're washing your car in **Lake Meahagh**

When your car **leaks** oil



oil leaks into **Lake Meahagh**

Stormwater Education & Outreach

The pollutants in stormwater runoff are a potential contributor to the condition of Lake Meahagh and are a concern for flooding.

Stormwater runoff refers to the excess rain or melted snow that cannot be absorbed by the soil.

It flows off roofs, and over yards, parking lots, and streets picking up contaminants along the way. Eventually, it enters a storm drain system where it is transported to a waterbody.

Therefore, our actions on land eventually effects our water resources.