

Maple Lake Improvement District

NEWSLETTER

Spring 2023



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Mosquito Larvicide Tablets Available

The Maple Lake Improvement District has partnered with Clarke Spraying to purchase environmentally-friendly Natular XRT mosquito larvicide tablets for areas near properties with standing water after the spring thaw.

Natular XRT tablets contain spinosad, a naturally occurring bacterium specifically targeting mosquito larvae, minimizing harm to other aquatic organisms. These tablets have extended residual activity, providing up to 30 days of control with just one application, reducing the need for frequent applications and minimizing labor and cost.



However, supplies are limited in the early stages of the project, so I recommend you contact a board member with details on the size and depth of standing water on your property for help with the distribution of the tablets. The partnership between Maple Lake Improvement District and Clarke Spraying aims to provide a sustainable and effective alternative for mosquito control while minimizing environmental impact and promoting responsible mosquito control practices.

Boating Safety & Etiquette

A few boating safety tips and regulations from the DNR:

- Wear your life jacket and make sure children wear theirs.
- Booze and boating don't mix.
- Water-skiing, tubing and wake surfing are prohibited between 1/2 hour after sunset to sunrise the following day.
- Operation of jet skis is permitted only from 9:30 am to 1 hour before sunset.

Boating Etiquette

- Own your own wake and stay at least 200 feet from the shoreline and other boaters.
- Do not throw garbage overboard.
- Keep tunes in check. Sound is amplified over the water so keep the music at a decent level

Mosquito Spray Dates

Maple Lake Improvement District provides mosquito spraying for the residents in the district. MLID tries to schedule the sprays around holidays and weekends and if the summer is especially wet, more sprays will be added. Below are scheduled spray dates for the 2022 summer:

- May 31
- June 14
- June 21
- June 28
- July 12
- July 26
- August 9
- August 23



2022-2023 Board Members

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Notifications From MLID

The MLID Board would like to have the ability to send out notices to the property owners and to send future newsletters electronically. If you would like to receive notices and electronic newsletters, please go to: www.maplelakedistrict.com to sign up. The Board would also like to let all property owners know that if there are concerns, there is a spot on the website to send messages to the board. *Follow us on Facebook!*

Funding for Shoreline Restoration & Rain Gardens

The East Polk SWCD offers up to 50% cost share for approved expenses of your shoreline or rain garden project. **The Shoreline Restoration Program** is not only designed to keep the quality of our lakes in good standard, but also has the ability to help protect and preserve your lake property. Every property has different characteristics and with that comes different impacts on their lakeshore, such as:

- Erosion
- Wave action undercutting banks/shoreline
- Hazardous runoff entering lake waters

Depending on elevation and soils, a 10-30ft native buffer would be installed.

The Rain Garden Program is dedicated to improving lawns and filtering run-off debris. We provide designs that function to minimize and help prevent the following:

- Dead spots or brown patches on lawns
- Standing water and temporary flooding

Rain gardens also function as natural pollinator gardens and attract wildlife such as butterflies & hummingbirds.

East Polk SWCD partners with *Minnesota Native Landscaping*, and they work with the landowners directly. All planning and installation will be completed by a team of dedicated professionals, making the process easier on landowners.

Proposed projects will receive design plans, and cost estimates prior to installation.



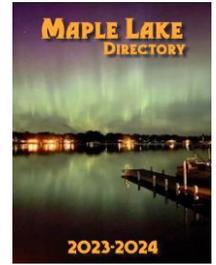
If you are interested in a Shoreline or Rain Garden project, contact East Polk SWCD

Marea Schommer - 218-563-2777
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2023-2024 Directory

The new Directory is in the process of getting printed.

The board members will personally deliver them to your door over Memorial Day weekend



Keep an eye out for them!

Annual Meeting

The MLID Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, July 8, 2023 at 9:00 am at the Mentor Community Center.

There will be election of 2 open board seats and if you are interested in serving on the board, please contact a board member, or Sec'y Bonnie Abel at bonnierabel@gmail.com before June 1st.

Useful Websites & Phone Numbers

Polk County Planning & Zoning

Ph: 218-281-5700

<https://www.co.polk.mn.us/196/Planning-Zoning>

Polk County Assessor

Ph: 218-281-4186

<https://www.co.polk.mn.us/171/Assessor>

Polk County Sheriff

Ph: 218-281-0431

<https://www.co.polk.mn.us/221/Sheriffs-Office>

Minnesota DNR

<https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/>

RMB Labs

Ph: 218-846-1465

<https://www.rmbel.info/>

Polk County First Alert System

<https://member.everbridge.net/892807736729932/login>

Summer AIS Boat Inspectors Needed

Polk County Environmental Services is looking for AIS Inspectors at boat launch areas. If you are interested, contact Jacob Snyder: 218-281-6445.

[Check out the new Polk County Environmental Services Facebook](#)

Septic System Fix-up Grant Program

Polk County Environmental Services has an annual cost-share grant program to assist in fixing existing noncompliant septic system. Funds are intended to fix septic systems that are currently failing codes or functionality. A major goal within the fix-up program aims to fix "imminent public health threats". Polk County uses low-income guidelines to group funding grant contributions. The County will provide a cost share grant contributing 60% and up to 80% of the installation cost up to a maximum of \$12,000 grant dollars.

To be eligible households must:

- A homestead (not secondary or rental)
- Meet income guidelines
- Cannot be a holding tank
- New construction or expansion of house not eligible
- Can pay any match requirements upfront

Preference for funding is based on:

- Income Status
- Condition of current system
- Proximity to waterbodies/watercourses



To learn more about this program, please call Polk County Planning and Zoning at (218) 281-5700. Program applications can also be found on our website at www.co.polk.mn.us under the Environmental Services and Planning and Zoning Department page. The deadline to apply for the Septic System Fix-Up Grant Program is June 1, 2023. After this date, remaining funding will be available on a first come first serve basis