

OAK GROVE BEACH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC  
A PROPOSED GUIDELINE FOR OUR ENVIRONMENT

The purpose of this document is to provide for the preservation, maintenance, improvement and development of the open spaces, land, adjacent ponds and waters and beach areas as a residential community.

We need to be good stewards of our environment by adhering to the following recommendations:

Don't litter or dump debris in the buffer zone within 100' of any marsh or wetland.  
Keep leaves, grass clippings and brush out of the waterways.

Plant matter decomposes and encourages aquatic weed growth - use this material as natural compost on your gardens or bring to the town landfill.

Be especially careful with plastic 6-pack rings, monofilament fish line and balloons - all of these can cause animals to choke.

Limit the use of fertilizers and lawn chemicals. Fertilizers leach into the ponds/marsh and waterways and cause algae and weeds to grow which hasten the aging of inland wetlands including ponds and diminishes the aesthetics of the area.

Limit the use of household hazardous chemicals such as mothballs, cleaners, paints, detergents and pesticides. These chemicals eventually find their way into Long Island Sound or other waterways. Bring these to the Town landfill or drop them off during Hazardous Waste Pick-up Days.

Pick-up your pet waste and dispose of it in the trash.

Don't feed the ducks, geese and swans. Feeding waterfowl encourages them to depend on humans and affects the water quality of the waterways.

Fecal matter from waterfowl supports weed and algae growth and presents a health problem. The fecal matter contains coliform bacteria and streptococcus bacteria.

Do not disturb nesting wildlife, including osprey. Please keep cats indoors.

If you are a boater, use proper pump-out facilities and never empty your tank into the Sound.

Wetlands are important for maintaining environmental quality as areas for water drainage, recharging the water table and pollution filtration. They are one of the richest biological habitats and are vital to many plants and animals.

For more information contact the E.L. Town Hall Conservation Commission. They have established Conservation Regulations for wetlands.