Take the Pledge

Be a "Lake Pan Pal"
Keep Lake Panasoffkee Clean

Over the past few years a lot of work has been done to improve the quality and appearance of Lake Panasoffkee. What you do in and around your home impacts Lake Panasoffkee. We urge all residents to make a personal commitment to help prevent water pollution and keeps our lake healthy and beautiful. Take the pledge to protect Lake Panasoffkee.

I pledge to do my part in keeping Lake Panasoffkee beautify by:

- Preventing the spread of exotic aquatic plants thoroughly clean the boats hull, propeller and trailer after pulling the boat from the lake.

- Keeping trash and garbage on board and make it a rule to take it back to shore. Dispose of it properly when you get home. Try recycling cans and plastic bottles.

- Recycling old fishing line at marinas or tackle shops. Fish and other animals often become tangled in discarded fishing line and can die.

- Watching boat wake...especially close to the shore. Waves cause shoreline erosion and can disrupt wildlife habitats.

- Avoiding the temptation to top off your gas tank when refueling. Gas spilled into the lake can pollute the waters of Lake Panasoffkee.

- Using phosphate-free detergents when washing your boat and never dump hazardous products into the lake.

- Disposing of waste oil in special oil recycling tank and never pour oil into the lake or on the ground.

- Setting an example for healthy waterfront living through Florida friendly landscape practices. Reduce or eliminate pesticides or herbicides. Use organic, slow-release fertilizers on your lawn—or none at all! Gardening chemicals end up in the lake in measurable amounts. Pesticides also kill good bugs; can poison birds and fish; and should be used sparingly around children and pets.

- Maintaining your septic system. Failed septic systems can cause significant water quality problems for lakes. Get regular inspections every three months or three years, depending on the type of system by an experienced professional.

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