

QUICK CHECKLIST FOR PORTAGE LAKE LAKEFRONT PROPERTY OWNERS

The following information is a brief summary of activities that have conditions required by the Department of Environmental Quality or Onekama Township zoning ordinances

Activities which require a permit before being initiated

- Uprooting plants along the bottom land of the lake and lakeshore (DEQ)
- Filling of exposed bottom land, wetland or lakeshore with sand or other material (DEQ)
- Installing a seasonal dock (DEQ: permit application available in township office)
- Installing a dock or other structure through a wetland (DEQ)
- Spraying a herbicide over any water surface of the lake (DEQ and approved herbicide and licensed applicator)
- Renting slips on a dock (DEQ/COE Marina Permit)

Activities prohibited by Onekama Township Ordinances

- Erecting a stand alone structure in the front yard of a water front lot (storage building, temporary structure, gazebo, deck, etc.)
- Erecting storage buildings, temporary structures, gazebos, decks or similar structures on water front lots without a principal dwelling
- Storage of boats, trailers and recreational vehicles in the front lot

Grooming activities that can be carried out without a permit

- Spraying bottom land from the water's edge to the ordinary high water mark with over the counter approved herbicides for use in aquatic environments (e.g, Shore Klear or Shore Klear Plus)
- Cutting vegetation to a height of two inches in exposed bottom lands of the lake.

If landowners have questions about activities that are permitted and restricted, contact the Onekama Township Zoning Administrator at the Onekama Township Office