

Help keep waters  
clean, safe & fun.



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Keep your  
French fries to  
yourself!

Feeding birds = Poop on beaches = Potential illnesses



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**We love  
Fido too . . .**

**but please keep pets off the beach!**



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**No poopy please!**

**The lake is not a toilet.**

Please use the restrooms and wash your hands.



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**Before you eat . . .**

**wash your hands and then clean up your trash!**



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# Yuck!

Fish poop in waters . . . are you sure you want to drink it?



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## Ottawa County has beautiful beaches!

However, natural bodies of water contain microorganisms regardless of how clean or clear the waters look. Sources include rain and agricultural runoff, animal excrements, and faulty septic systems. Always take preventive steps to minimize health risks.

## HELP PREVENT recreational water illnesses

- Do not feed the birds
- Keep pets off the beach
- Use the restroom before swimming
- Do not swallow lake water
- Wash your hands with soap and water before eating
- Do not swim in water that smells foul
- Shower when you return home
- Avoid swimming immediately after heavy rainfall

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Great Lakes  
RESTORATION



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