

Choose native plants

Native plants in your garden will require less water, fertilizers, and pesticides, thereby improving water quality of our lake.

tahoercd.org/conservation-landscaping-resources



Volunteer

Help with beach clean-up days, report aquatic invasive species, and get involved.

keptahoebblue.org/our-work/volunteer

Use phosphorus-free fertilizer

Phosphorus is a pollutant that stimulates algae growth. Algae reduces lake clarity and makes rocks slippery. If you must fertilize, choose phosphorus-free and apply according to instructions.

tahoebmp.org/fertilizerphosphorus.aspx



Clean, drain, & dry



Invasive species such as quagga and zebra mussels can be introduced by contaminated watercraft. Clean, drain, and dry watercraft before launching into Lake Tahoe.

tahoeboatinpections.com

Stay on the trails

Stay on designated trails to minimize soil erosion and protect native plants.

americanhiking.org/hiking-etiquette



Bike, walk, or catch the bus

Driving less means less air pollution and less traffic congestion.

tahoempo.org



Don't litter and pick up trash

Cigarette butts, paper, and plastic can all be picked up by wind or water and washed into our lake.



Replace old woodstoves

Newer woodstoves use half the wood to generate the same amount of heat as an old stove, so you'll save money and help reduce air pollution.

trpa.org/permitting/homeowner-info/wood-stoves/



Actions YOU can take to protect Lake Tahoe

Become a Tahoe Keeper

Learn how to inspect and decontaminate your non-motorized paddle crafts including kayaks, canoes, and stand-up paddleboards to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species.

tahoekeeper.org



Pick up after your pet

Bacteria and nutrients from pet waste affect water quality. Pick up after your pet and keep them on the trails to protect native plants.



Get defensive!

Create defensible space on your property to reduce wildfire risk.

livingwithfire.info/tahoe



Install and maintain BMPs

The majority of fine sediment and phosphorus pollutants impacting Lake Tahoe come from the built environment. Installing Best Management Practices (BMPs) on your property is a critical step toward improving Lake Tahoe's water quality and clarity. Inspect your BMPs regularly and keep them in working order.

tahoebmp.org



Support restoration efforts

Restoring Lake Tahoe's ecosystem is critical to improving water quality in Lake Tahoe. The Lake Tahoe Environmental Improvement Program (EIP) is one of the most comprehensive ecosystem restoration programs in the U.S.

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