



Lake Stevens 2025 Health Report

Lake Health = **EXCELLENT**

The lake health is excellent as alum treatments keep phosphorus and algae low. Actions are still needed to prevent pollution and improve shoreline health.

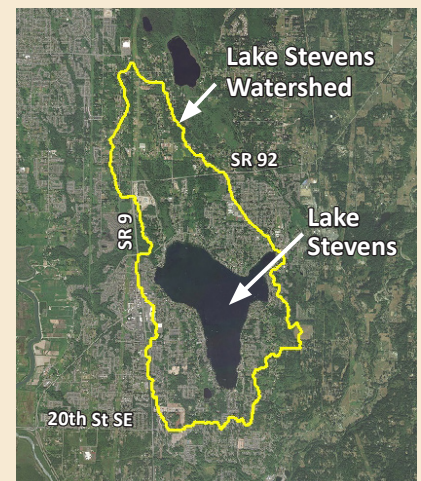
Health Indicators	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent	Details
 Water Clarity <i>Visibility in water</i>					Excellent – Average clarity is 27.3 feet deep and is getting better.
 Phosphorus <i>Keeping it low prevents algae</i>					Excellent – Phosphorus levels are low as a result of ongoing alum treatments.
 Algae <i>Problematic if too much</i>					Excellent – Algae levels are low. The lake rarely has toxic algae blooms since restoration.
 Shorelines <i>Shoreline plants protect the lake</i>					Poor – Only 16% of the lake shoreline has trees and shrubs rather than lawns.

Possible ratings include: ■ Poor ■ Fair ■ Good ■ Excellent

Based on data collected from 2015-2024. For additional details and data, visit www.lakes.surfacewater.info

Lake Stevens Watershed

The properties inside the yellow line drain to the lake and make up the lake's watershed. The area outside the yellow line drains to other lakes, streams or rivers.



Lake Stevens Facts

- 💧 Lake Stevens is the largest and deepest natural lake in the county, and is a destination kokanee fishery.
- 💧 To reduce phosphorus pollution the world's largest aeration system was installed in 1994.
- 💧 In 2013 the aerator was replaced with cost-effective alum treatments that reduce phosphorus and prevent algae.
- 💧 Lake Stevens has the highly invasive plant Eurasian watermilfoil, which is treated annually in the spring.

Take Action to Keep Stevens Healthy

I Love Lake

Make small changes on your property to prevent phosphorus pollution (see reverse side).

Retain Trees & Shrubs

Keep or plant more trees and shrubs. They reduce and clean polluted runoff.

Prevent Milfoil

Clean, drain and dry your boat before launching or leaving the lake to prevent the spread of invasive plants.

See back for details on how you can help.

Protect the Lakes

Reduce Phosphorus Pollution

What you do makes a difference. Here are the most important actions you can take on your property to reduce harmful phosphorus pollution and protect Silver Lake.



Practice Natural Lawn Care

Avoid fertilizer that contains phosphorus and watch natural lawn care videos at www.naturallyardcare.org.



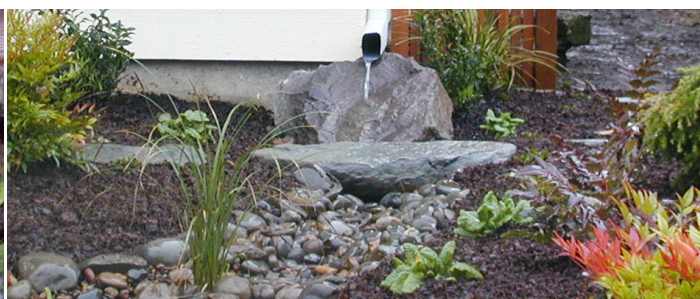
Pick Up Pet Waste

Scoop it, bag it, and place it in the trash.



Prevent Soil Erosion

Cover bare soil areas with mulch or plants and fix eroding areas.



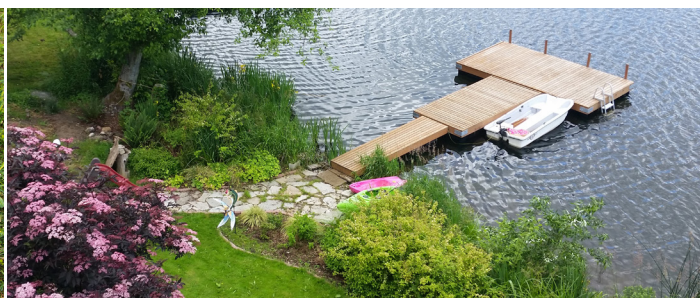
Infiltrate Roof & Driveway Runoff

Divert roof and driveway runoff into lawns or landscaped areas to absorb and filter pollutants.



Maintain A Leak-Free Septic System

Have regular inspections* by a licensed septic contractor. Visit www.SavvySeptic.org for more information.



Create A Healthy Shoreline (if applicable)

Maintain existing shoreline vegetation and replace some shoreline lawns with trees and shrubs.

* Find your system type's required inspection frequency in the Snohomish Health Department's publication (<https://bit.ly/SepticInspection>).

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