

Renter's & Visitor's Guide to Kosh



Photo courtesy of Brenda Koenig

Welcome to our Lake Community! The moment you arrive you feel the hustle and bustle of urban life melt away. The pine-scented air is sweet, the water clean, wildlife abounds, and starry skies bless each night. Here are important guidelines we follow at Kosh to respect and protect each other and our beautiful lake. Thank you for following them too!

Cottaging and Enjoying Time at Kosh Together:

Kasshabog Lake is a small lake so neighbours are always close. Be aware of property lines so pets don't stray over them. Loud noises, excessive lights and barking dogs impact everyone's enjoyment. Please respect your neighbours and remember that we all unwind in different ways. Noise travels across the lake farther than you think...as do conversations, so keep your volume at a level only you can enjoy.

Our Lake:

At Kosh, we do not bathe, wash our hair or brush our teeth in the lake. We pride ourselves on our water quality and we all work together to keep it that way.

Septic Systems:

If the cottage is on a septic system it needs to be managed carefully. Try to limit your use of water and never put harmful chemicals or non-degradable items down the sink or toilet. Bring phosphate-free products to wash and clean. Pump the septic as needed.

Fireworks:

Firework displays on Lake Kasshabog require a permit and are limited to holiday weekends only. Please visit <https://www.kasshabog.ca/municipal-updates> to review these dates, the fireworks bylaw, and information on obtaining a permit.

Garbage and Recycling:

Keep garbage locked up or in an animal-proof tin until your trip to the dump. Bears and raccoons love a midnight snack! In this Township, garbage is taken to local transfer stations, and must be in clear bags and tagged. Recycle enthusiastically and compost smartly if possible. Visit <https://www.kasshabog.ca/municipal-updates> for the dump schedule and location.

Campfires:

The status of Forest Fire Danger is clearly posted on roads leading to the lake. Since the closest fire station is a distance away, a spreading fire poses significant danger to all of us! Only have a campfire when safe to do so and never on windy days. Limit its width and height. Never leave a fire unattended and always keep water readily available. When you've finished enjoying your campfire, douse it thoroughly. Remember, in our Township there is no daytime burning.

Our Amazing Wildlife:

We share this lake with an abundant number of wild creatures. Whether it's a deer or fox in the woods, or smaller animals like beavers, otters, turtles or loons that nest and live in our bays, they deserve our respect and consideration. Don't encroach upon their space or follow them in a boat. Just let them be and watch and enjoy them from a distance.

Boats:

Bringing a boat, personal watercraft, kayak, canoe, paddleboat or SUP to Kosh? It needs to be cleaned first. Before transporting a boat or boat equipment overland, boaters are required by law to 1) remove or open drain plugs to allow water to drain and 2) take reasonable steps to remove all aquatic plants, animals and algae from any boat, boat equipment, vehicle or trailer. It is illegal to place a boat, boating equipment or any vehicle or trailer into Kasshabog Lake if there are any aquatic plants, animals or algae attached. Learn more at ontario.ca/invasionon Our lake has Carolina fanwort, a restricted invasive species, and it's especially important to clean and drain watercraft and equipment as directed by the law - this aquatic plant can spread by fragments!

Sports:

Wildlife, particularly waterbirds, can ingest fishing sinkers and jigs by mistaking them for food items. This is why the possession of lead sinkers or jigs that weigh less than 50 g or are less than 2 cm in length is banned in national parks/wildlife refuge areas. We ask that you follow the same rules if you are fishing at Kasshabog Lake. Please also retrieve your fishing line whenever possible, as it poses a considerable danger to loons and other wildlife. Anglers are reminded that it is illegal to deposit or release into, or within 30 m of, any waters: 1) live or dead bait or baitfish, including fish eggs/gametes or fish parts, or 2) water, soil or other materials used to hold any of these items!

We love golf but ask you not to drive balls into our lake or otherwise litter - it's illegal under the *Public Lands Act*! If you are operating a recreational boat with a motor (even an electric motor), you'll need a boating licence (Pleasure Craft Operator Card) and you are encouraged to follow safe practices. Kosh has many shoals so only venture where you know it is safe.

Please share this Renter's and Visitor's Guide with guests at your cottage!

EMERGENCY FIRE, POLICE, OR AMBULANCE SERVICE

CALL 9-1-1

Police (OPP) (Bancroft)	1-888-310-1122
Ontario Poison Centre	1-800-268-9017
Air Search & Rescue	1-800-267-7270
Hydro Outages.....	1-800-434-1235
Health 811 Ontario (Free 24 hr. medical advice) Call 811 or	1-866-797-0000
Campbellford Memorial Hospital	1-705-653-1140
Nurse Concierge- Havelock Guardian Pharmacy.....	1-705-304-0018
Peterborough Regional Health Centre (24 hours)	1-705-743-2121
Kawartha Veterinary Emergency Clinic	1-705-741-5832
Apsley Medical Centre.....	1-705-656-3330