

Understanding Your Lake

“The Lake Treatments Aren’t Working”



One of the most challenging aspects of lake maintenance is communicating the evolution of a management program to the clients. A homeowner that sees a lake from a purely esthetic point of view has a vastly different understanding than an applicator that is actively managing it. Much like self diagnosing health issues, understanding what a lake needs and how it will respond often requires more than basic knowledge and casual observation. Expectations need to be tempered with what is physically possible and environmentally safe. Frequently, what homeowners see as a failed treatment or inactivity is often one stage of an ongoing process. Lake applications need to be done in phases to avoid negatively impacting the dissolved oxygen and fish populations. Many of our E.P.A. approved herbicides require that we wait a period of time between treatments which can affect the timing of visits. When cleaning up a submersed weed population, algae will often feed off the nutrients from the decomposing weeds. Treating the algae is the next step to overall recovery. The common misconception of lake management is that weed and algae problems can be instantly and permanently fixed with one treatment. In reality, lake health is much like our own. When we have a health issue, a doctor prescribes us a course of action and treatment. Recovery is not instant, and treatment does not mean we will never have another issue in the future. Allstate Resource Management believes that our ability to educate homeowners about their lakes and what we do sets us apart from other management companies. When you have questions about how your lake is being cared for, our experienced personnel are available to provide you with the answers you need.