



Understanding Your Lake

“Why Do I Need A Lake Service Company?”



Sometimes, aquatic asset management is viewed as a frivolous or unnecessary expense for a community. “My lake looks fine, why should I pay to have someone take care of it?” Unfortunately, that assessment is rarely made taking into account the whole water body. Just because the lake looks O.K. behind your house, or next to the pool, or in that cove you drive past, doesn’t mean it looks that way everywhere else. Most people that live on lakes also see them differently than someone who maintains them. The difference is homeowners tend to look “at” the water, where as waterway managers look “in” the water. Early detection of many aquatic weeds can often head off a big mess before it begins (both aesthetically and financially). Too often people put off lake maintenance until they see a problem and weed populations have already become established. Long term management at that point becomes more expensive and time consuming, with total elimination of the problem almost impossible. An important fact that many overlook is that the lakes on their property serve another purpose other than a nice view. They are actually man made stormwater catch basins. When communities are built, the lakes are carefully designed to hold a certain amount of stormwater. Water bodies filled with weeds no longer have the correct capacity, potentially causing neighborhood flooding during storms. Algae is another constant nuisance in South Florida lakes. Because of our warm waters and long sunny seasons, algae can spread very rapidly and unpredictably. As a property owner, it’s valuable to have a company that will respond to these unexpected outbreaks as needed. Every lake matures differently, and it takes a combination of experience and expertise to maintain a healthy balance as changes occur. Allstate Resource Management’s staff is always there to answer your questions and works to ensure excellent results in any lake management situation.