

IMPORTANT REMINDER : SHORELINE REGULATIONS



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THE SHORELINE PROTECTIVE BAND

All waterfront properties on the territory of the Municipality of Blue Sea must have a riparian protection band. This band must be at least 10 metres deep for properties with a slope towards the lake of less than 30%, and 15 metres wide for properties with a slope greater than 30%.

The riparian buffer band must include a combination of native plant species representing the three plant strata (herbaceous, shrub and arborescent).

ACCES TO THE WATERFRONT

Properties with a 10-metre-deep riparian buffer band, a **single water access of a maximum of 5 metres may be created**. However, this access must remain vegetated and no fill or excavation is authorized.

On lots with a 15-metre riparian buffer band, a **1.2-metre vegetated pathway may be created**. After acquiring the appropriate permit, the construction of an elevated staircase is also permitted in the pathway.



FIRES IN THE PROTECTIVE BAND

On the territory of the Municipality of Blue Sea, **open fires are prohibited in the riparian protective bands**. Raised fireplaces equipped with spark arrestors are permitted more than 5 metres from the water.

Fireworks are also prohibited in the riparian protective bands. In addition to the associated fire hazards, fireworks discharge large quantities of particles that are harmful to our lakes. (Fire Prevention Bylaw No. 2021-082)



PRESSURE TREATED WOOD

It is strictly forbidden to use treated wood for all shoreline constructions (docks, stairs, overriding buildings, acquired rights), as treated wood generally contains copper azole, a compound that is harmful to lakes. There are several alternatives to treated wood, such as cedar or other rot-resistant woods, composites, aluminum and galvanized steel. If wood is to be painted or stained, the product must be applied outside of the 10 or 15-metre shoreline. The product must also be free of compounds found in treated wood. **You must also obtain a permit before undertaking any work in the shoreline protective band.**

(Zoning By-law No. 93-03-15 (B) - Section 11.7)



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