The Pine Lake Restoration Society is pleased to announce our partnership with the County of Red Deer in managing the landfill fees at the Gaetz Creek Waste Transfer Facility for "filamentous algae and weeds" that are removed from the shore lines of Pine Lake by property owners.

The program is in effect:

2010: July 10 through September 30

Future years: June 1 through September 30 - subject to annual approval by the County

Removal of this material as it floats ashore is encouraged by Alberta Environment in order to discourage enhanced growth of the same materials in the lake, further deteriorating the water quality.

Property owners must follow these steps/requirements in order to take advantage of the subsidized disposal fees:

- Algae and lake weeds that move to shore should be removed from the water and beach by property owners.
- The material should be laid out to dry as best practical before loading for movement to the landfill. Water and sand content should be minimized as much as possible.
- The material should be loaded and covered for transport to the Gaetz Creek Waste Transfer Facility
 - SE 30-36-23-W4, 1/3 mile North of Highway 42 on RR 235
 - Open Tuesdays and Sundays 9:00 am to 5:30 pm, closed on stat holidays
- Only algae and weed material from the lake can be left at the waste station free of charge. The property owner is responsible for the disposal costs of all other material.
 - The recommended practice is to take only the algae and weed material with your load in order to avoid any confusion associated with additional costs.
 - The attendant will provide a written receipt documenting the name and the date, name of property owner and approximate volume of the algae and weed load.
- Deposit your load as per instructions by the attendant at the transfer station.

The Pine Lake Restoration Society appreciates this partnership with the County of Red Deer and requests that all property owners taking advantage of this do so within the boundaries described above. Any abuse will reflect poorly on all those involved and possibly compromise our ability to continue this program in the future.

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