Lake Ballinger 2022 Health Report

Lake Health = **FAIR**
The lake health is currently fair. Actions are needed to prevent pollution and improve shoreline health.

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<td>Water Clarity Visibility in water</td>
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<td>Good – Average clarity is 11.2 feet deep and varies with the amount of algae.</td>
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<td>Phosphorus Keeping it low prevents algae</td>
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<td>Fair – Phosphorus levels are high.</td>
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<td>Algae Problematic if too much</td>
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<td>Fair – Algae levels are high. The lake has occasional toxic algae blooms</td>
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<td>Shorelines Shoreline plants protect the lake</td>
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<td>Fair – Half of the lake shoreline has trees and shrubs rather than lawns.</td>
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Possible ratings include: Poor Fair Good Excellent

Based on data collected from 2019-2021. For additional details and data, visit www.lakes.surfacewater.info.

Take Action to Protect Lake Ballinger

- **Reduce Pollution**
  - Make small changes on your property to prevent phosphorus pollution (see reverse side).

- **Retain Trees & Shrubs**
  - Keep or plant more trees and shrubs. They reduce and clean polluted runoff.

- **Prevent Milfoil**
  - Clean, drain and dry your boat before launching or leaving the lake to prevent the spread of invasive plants.

See back for details on how you can help.
Protect Lake Ballinger  
Reduce Phosphorus Pollution

What you do makes a difference. Here are the most important actions you can take on your property to reduce harmful phosphorus pollution and protect Lake Ballinger.

Practice Natural Lawn Care
Avoid fertilizer that contains phosphorus and watch natural lawn care videos at www.naturalyardcare.org.

Pick Up Pet Waste
Scoop it, bag it, and place it in the trash.

Prevent Soil Erosion
Cover bare soil areas with mulch or plants and fix eroding areas.

Infiltrate Roof & Driveway Runoff
Divert roof and driveway runoff into lawns or vegetated areas to absorb and filter pollutants.

Maintain A Leak-Free Septic System
Have an inspection at least every three years*. Visit www.SavvySeptic.org for more information.

Create A Healthy Shoreline (if applicable)
Maintain existing shoreline vegetation and replace some shoreline lawns with trees and shrubs.

* System type determines frequency.
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