

## Shoreline Buffer Maintenance

Congratulations on your new shoreline buffer! We are excited that you took the steps to clean water within our district. Now that the buffer has been installed, all there is to do is maintain it.

**Maintenance might seem daunting, but it is easy if you follow these steps:**

Never fertilize your buffer! This adds excess nutrients that encourage weed growth and pollutes water.

Take pictures of your buffer after completion. These pictures can be used as a reference for what the buffer should look like.

Water the buffer to get it started. Give the plants 2 inches of water for the first season and dry periods.

Replace any vegetation that dies within the buffer.

Constantly weed the buffer strip. Remove anything that doesn't belong including litter, sediments, and unwanted vegetation.

Be aware of erosion within the buffer. If the buffer is eroding, take measures to stabilize the soil.

Do not mow or rake the buffer. It is supposed to be a natural lake buffer, so let it be natural!



If you have questions, contact the number below or attend a Blue Thumb Raingarden Maintenance Workshop for more info!