

# Become a Glen Lake Guardian

## *Pledge for Landscapers and Lawn Maintenance Companies*

If you do business within the Glen Lake-Crystal River Watershed, your support is needed to protect and preserve this beautiful area. By taking the Guardian Pledge, you and your business agree to adopt the following best practices to guide the services you provide.

*My business and I pledge to:*

- Encourage clients to 1) preserve or restore the natural greenbelt and shoreline areas to enhance filtration and control runoff, while accommodating reasonable desires for sight corridors and usable yards and shorelines 2) use materials that will limit runoff and the need for chemicals and fertilizers 3) employ energy-absorbing shoreline structures where required 4) never blow leaves or grass clippings in the water
- Avoid, where possible, designs or activities that could be detrimental to the water or to natural shorelines and greenbelts.
- Comply with all state and local regulations and ordinances that protect the watershed — including greenbelts, shorelines, wetlands, drainage and inspection requirements. For example, state law prohibits applying phosphorus-containing fertilizer within 5-15 feet of the water's edge.
- Train and supervise your employees adequately on the requirements for this pledge.
- Provide to all clients and prospects a copy of the Glen Lake Association's "Landscaping and Lawn Care" brochure.

**Please mail this pledge form to:**

**Glen Lake Guardian,  
P.O. Box 551**

**Glen Arbor, MI 49636**

Or email to: [glenlakeguardians@gmail.com](mailto:glenlakeguardians@gmail.com)



**In turn, the Glen Lake Association (GLA) — the sponsor of the Guardian Program — will:**

- List your business as a "Glen Lake Guardian Approved" contractor on the GLA website and other materials
- Provide a Glen Lake Guardian Member business mark for your use in marketing materials
- Provide materials to help you sell clients on "what's best for the watershed"
- Offer water-friendly landscape design collaboration, if necessary
- Help train employees, if necessary, to start a greenbelt

To support your participation as a Guardian, we provide (at no cost to you) Guardian decals for your service vehicles, landscaping/lawn maintenance brochures for distribution to customers and prospects in the Glen Lake-Crystal River Watershed, and consulting services to train employees on water-friendly practices.

Please note below how many decals and brochures you desire and whether you would like us to provide free consulting services.

How many decals? \_\_\_\_\_ How many brochures? \_\_\_\_\_

Check for consulting services \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Company \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_