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# LAKE OF THE OZARKS

Shoreline Vegetation  
Cover Policy



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is committed to protecting and enhancing the environment for residents and visitors of the Lake of the Ozarks

## VEGETATION COVER POLICY

Vegetation is important to the aesthetic qualities and environmental health of the Lake. In addition to enhancing the Lake's natural beauty, terrestrial and aquatic vegetation reduces erosion, helps prevent water pollution and provides habitat for birds, mammals, fish and frogs.

Decades of lakeside landscaping, heavy shoreline usage and wave action has removed much of the natural vegetation around the Lake. Ameren Missouri, in collaboration with state resource agencies, developed a "Shoreline Buffer Zone" to help preserve and replace this valuable resource.

## OVERVIEW OF VEGETATION COVER POLICY

Vegetation between the 662-foot contour elevation and water's edge must be preserved or replaced if removed. Property owners may modify the existing vegetation to:

- Provide a reasonable view of the water
- Construct access paths
- Install erosion control measures
- Perform general vegetation maintenance

Modifications must be approved as part of the Ameren Missouri permitting process.

## SHORELINE VEGETATION

Please consider the following policies as you work along the shoreline of your property:

- Don't remove trees larger than four (4) inches in diameter without replacing with suitable native trees 1.5-inch diameter or larger.
- Ameren Missouri may require the removal of any unauthorized improvements at the owner's expense. Get a permit first.

## ACCEPTABLE TREES TO PLANT

State and federal resource agencies, including the



Missouri Department of Conservation, recommend planting native species that are well adapted to Ozark soils and climates. These include dogwood, redbud, serviceberry, persimmon, mulberry, native oaks, hickories, sugar maple and green or

white ash. Suggested grasses and perennials include big and little bluestem, Indian grass, switchgrass, fescue and any wildflowers, sedges and ferns native to Missouri.

*Note: The use of non-native, invasive species such as Russian buckthorn, autumn olive or crown vetch is prohibited.*

## WETLANDS

Wetlands are important for shoreline stability, fish habitat, and reducing excess nutrients. For this reason, both the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Ameren Missouri limit development in areas with established wetland vegetation. Contact the Ameren Missouri Shoreline Management office before clearing vegetation (especially in the back of coves).