



2023 LAKES MONITORING PROGRAM

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WHY MONITOR?

Minnesota is the “Land of 10,000 Lakes” and we are proud to be your partner in preserving these lakes for future generations. Our lakes are an extremely valuable resource. Monitoring water quality allows us to assess current conditions and monitor changes over time. Awareness of current and historical water quality enables and guides lake protection efforts.

Data is a powerful tool. After 8-10 years of consecutive data collection, we can determine:

- If water quality is improving or declining in your lake.
- Sources of pollution and the annual pollution load in your lake.
- Which types of clean water projects could benefit your lake and the steps that would be necessary to see significant water quality improvement.

Your data is more than a set of numbers. Your data is used to prioritize Minnesota lakes for protection and restoration efforts, effecting decisions at the local, county, and state level. Millions of dollars of Clean Water Legacy funding are being directed across Minnesota based on volunteer collected data.

Participating in the RMB Lake Monitoring Program is an excellent strategy for understanding and protecting your lake. Thank you for your efforts in preserving Minnesota’s lakes!

“We monitor
because we care;
we care because
we are informed;
we are informed
because we
monitor.”

- Cassie Champion,
Metropolitan Council

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WELCOME TO THE 2023 LAKES MONITORING PROGRAM!

\$325

\$65 PER SITE PER MONTH

COLA Discount: \$57 per site per month

Invoices will be sent at the end of the season.

PACKAGE INCLUDES...

- MPCA Monitoring Site Establishment
- Online Lakes Database
- Total phosphorus and chlorophyll-a analysis
- Data submittal to MPCA
- Sampling supplies
- Educational resources

NOT INCLUDED:

- Cooler shipping to lab
Delivery of samples to the lab is the responsibility of the volunteer sampler. Coolers can be hand delivered, picked up by Speedee Delivery EZR (\$17), or delivered to the lab via our courier service (\$21).
- Secchi Disk
Can be obtained free from MPCA: 651-296-6300
- Integrated Sampler
Can be purchased from RMB. Visit www.rmbel.com/LM-Training for more information.

2023 LAKE SAMPLING SCHEDULE

Please collect your samples on Sunday evening or Monday morning before delivery to the lab. It is important that the lab receives the samples within 48 hours of collection time.

If your samples are being shipped by mail, please note that samples do not reach the lab until around 12 pm the following day.

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SAMPLE DROP OFF DATES

ALL OTHERS	ASSOCIATION OF CASS COUNTY LAKES
MAY 22	JUNE 5
JUNE 26	JUNE 26
JULY 17	JULY 24
AUGUST 21	AUGUST 28
SEPTEMBER 18	SEPTEMBER 25

Did you know that RMB Environmental Laboratories is the only water quality lab in Minnesota hosting a publicly accessible database of lake and stream monitoring data?

Data can be accessed on our website: www.rmbel.com/lakesmonitoringmain.