

Amery Clean Lakes Program



The Amery Clean Lakes Program is working to keep our lakes as the centerpieces of our community.

We are

- Examining the sources of pollution to the lakes
- Developing practices to clean runoff water before it enters a lake
- Updating city ordinances to protect water quality
- Helping property owners understand how they can help

Housekeeping Practices for Clean Water

We all can help to keep the water in and around Amery clean.

Here's how . . .

- Clean up after pets
- Minimize the use of pesticides
- Don't use fertilizers containing phosphorus
- Vegetate bare spots in your yard
- Sweep or blow driveways and sidewalks clean regularly (but not into the street!)
- Aim grass clippings away from streets, driveways, and sidewalks when mowing
- Don't dump anything in the storm sewers – they drain to city lakes and the Apple River
- Wash your car on the lawn, not on the driveway (to absorb wash water)
- Minimize paved areas (which don't allow water to soak in) or use porous paving materials
- Collect or spread out water flow from rain gutter downspouts – don't discharge to paved area



I am interested in receiving a free site visit to analyze my property for potential water quality practices.

I am interested in receiving a free rain barrel to collect water in the City of Amery and/or the Amery Lakes Drainage Area.

Name _____ Address _____

Telephone Number _____ Cell Number _____

Email address _____

Best time to call _____ Best time to visit _____

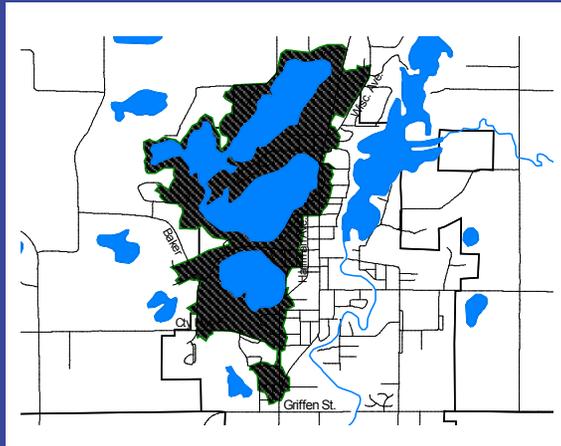
My property drains to:

_____ Pike Lake _____ North Twin _____ South Twin _____ Apple River _____ Unsure

Please return form to Amery City Hall, 118 Center Street W, Amery, WI 54001

Water flows to Amery Lakes directly from waterfront property and through the storm sewer system. Many of us who live some distance away from a lake also contribute runoff water to Pike Lake, North Twin, or South Twin. Runoff carries pollutants such as phosphorus (which fuels algae blooms), sediment (which can smother fish habitat), and bacteria.

The map below illustrates the area that drains to Amery Lakes. This area is a priority for installation of water quality practices. The Amery Clean Lakes Program will pay up to 70 percent of the cost of water quality practice installation in this area in 2008. Much of the rest of Amery drains to the Apple River, another important resource to protect.



Amery Lakes Drainage Area

If you live in this area, you may qualify for cost sharing to install water quality practices.

For a free on-site analysis of your property, call or visit City Hall (268-7486), or return the form on this brochure.

Water Quality Practices

Water quality practices are aimed at collecting runoff water and using the water or encouraging infiltration into the ground where water is purified by filtering through soil.



Rain Barrels

Covered barrels collect water from a rain gutter downspout for watering gardens and potted plants.



Rain Gardens

These sunken gardens are designed to capture water from roofs and driveways and allow the water to soak into the ground. They are planted with a variety of flowers to attract hummingbirds and butterflies.

Water Quality Practices



Infiltration Areas

Infiltration areas may be flat areas of woods or tall grass or constructed pits or trenches. Pits and trenches are lined with landscape fabric and filled with rock to create storage until the water drains away.



Shoreline Buffers

These areas of native trees, shrubs, and groundcovers keep water clean by filtering runoff and holding soil in place, create natural northwoods beauty, and provide a home for a diversity of creatures who live near the water. They are designed so you can access and enjoy your view to the lake.