

Otty Lake Shoreline Cleanup 2021  
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Otty's Log

In order to preserve the high quality of our lakewater environment, it is important to keep garbage from accumulating and then degrading in and around Otty Lake. In addition to being detrimental to water quality, trash can be hazardous to wildlife and unattractive to the recreational lake user.



To this end I initiated an effort to identify and remove garbage from Otty Lake. Lake users were encouraged to identify shoreline waste and its location. With the help of Kevin Terrion, Jim Coward, and Doug Brown, trash was removed from Crown lands and the shoreline of Otty Lake in July and August. Several property owners and visitors to the lake also helped by collecting or identifying trash as they camped on or paddled around the lake. They advised us of location, removed the trash themselves, or delivered their collection to me for disposal.

In all, we removed a total of 130 kg (287 lbs) of material. We collected nine tires, one sailboard, an electric blanket, and an assortment of plastic, metal, and glass trash. This filled a 4 x 8 trailer for the trip to the Drummond/North Elmsley (DNE) Code Road waste disposal site, commonly referred to as "The Dump".

With thanks to Cathie Green, from DNE Public Works, we were able to dispose of the waste at no cost. There is no charge for tires or metal and DNE waived the tipping fees for the other materials we collected.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their help and support in making our lake a more beautiful place.