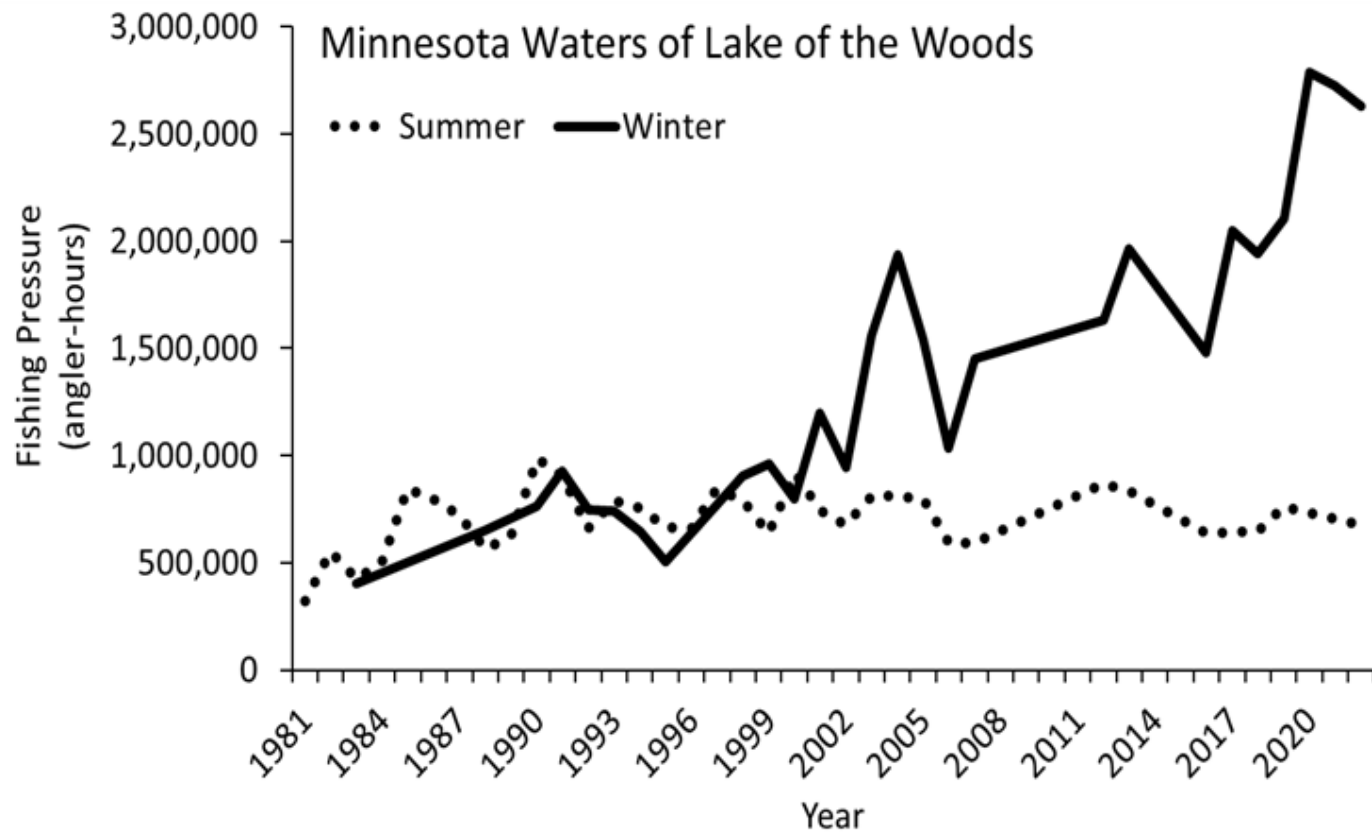




# Keep It Clean Initiative

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# Winter Ice Fishing Has Changed - Pressure





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# 2023 LEGISLATION

206.10 Sec. 66. [97C.363] STORING GARBAGE AND OTHER WASTE ON ICE.

206.11 Subdivision 1. Prohibition. A person using a shelter, a motor vehicle, or any other  
206.12 conveyance on the ice of state waters may not deposit garbage, rubbish, cigarette filters,  
206.13 debris from fireworks, offal, the body of a dead animal, litter, sewage, or any other waste  
206.14 outside the shelter, motor vehicle, or conveyance unless the material is:

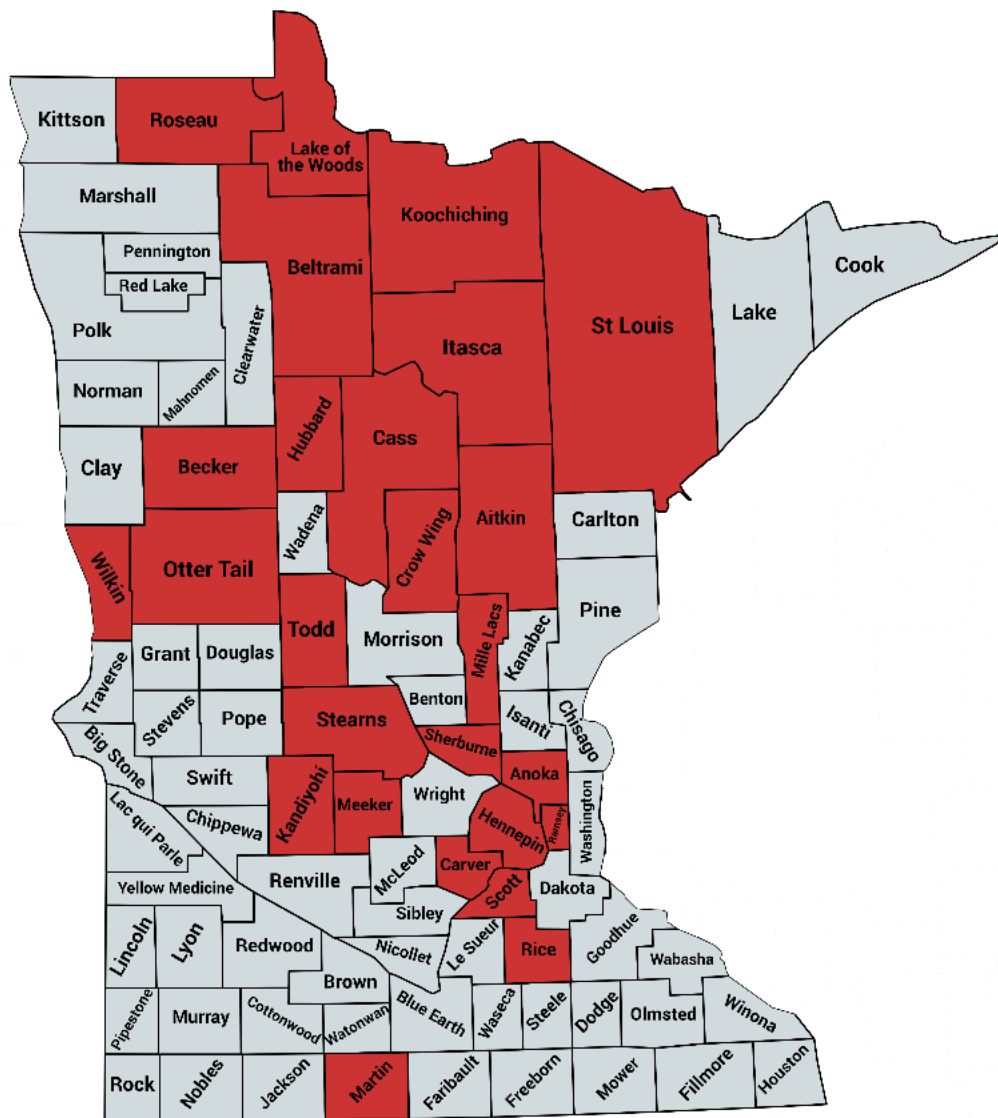
206.15 (1) placed in a container that is secured to the shelter, motor vehicle, or conveyance;  
206.16 and

206.17 (2) not placed directly on the ice or in state waters.

206.18 Subd. 2. Definition. For purposes of this section, "sewage" means excrementitious or  
206.19 other discharge from the bodies of human beings or animals, together with such other water  
206.20 as may be present.

206.21 Subd. 3. Penalty. A violation of this section is a petty misdemeanor, and a person who  
206.22 violates this section is subject to a civil penalty of \$100 for each violation.

# Early adopters of Keep It Clean

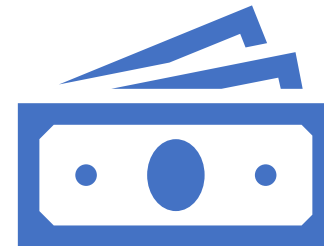




# 2024 Legislation



Addresses statewide coordination needs through state agencies



Addresses funding needs for local efforts to address these issues

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to natural resources; establishing the keep it clean program; appropriating  
1.3 money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 97C.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. [97C.364] KEEP IT CLEAN PROGRAM; GRANTS.

1.6 Subdivision 1. Establishment. The commissioner of natural resources, in consultation  
1.7 with the Board of Water and Soil Resources and the commissioners of the Pollution Control  
1.8 Agency and health, must develop and administer a statewide keep it clean program for the  
1.9 prevention of water pollution due to garbage and human waste on ice of state waters from  
1.10 winter use activities through:

1.11 (1) coordination and outreach to local units of government and nongovernmental  
1.12 organizations;

1.13 (2) facilitation of other state agencies' participation in local programs and projects;

1.14 (3) coordination of media efforts;

1.15 (4) establishment of a statewide education campaign; and

1.16 (5) development and administration of a grant program.

1.17 Subd. 2. Grants. The commissioner of natural resources must develop a grant program  
1.18 to provide money to local units of government and nongovernmental organizations to  
1.19 implement local programs to prevent water pollution due to garbage and human waste on  
1.20 ice of state waters from winter use activities. Activities eligible for grants under this section,  
1.21 include, but are not limited to:

2.1 (1) installation and maintenance of public sanitary winterized dumping stations at  
2.2 accessible, designated locations near lake access points and major travel corridors;

2.3 (2) providing dedicated seasonal services, facilities, and containers to transport and  
2.4 dispose of human and pet biowaste at preapproved locations;

2.5 (3) increasing enforcement of related state and local ordinances by providing the resources  
2.6 needed to increase state and local law enforcement patrols during the winter months and  
2.7 establishment of volunteer county winter lake patrol programs;

2.8 (4) education and outreach efforts promoting local and regional keep it clean activities;

2.9 (5) organizing spring cleanup efforts, excluding cleanup efforts after significant events  
2.10 such as, but not limited to, festivals, ice fishing contests, and ice races; and

2.11 (6) local advertising and marketing efforts to educate and promote keep it clean messaging  
2.12 and information about laws and regulations regarding keep it clean.



2.13      Sec. 2. APPROPRIATION.

2.14      \$..... in fiscal year 2025 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of  
2.15 natural resources to develop and administer the keep it clean program under Minnesota  
2.16 Statutes, section 97C.364. Of this amount, at least \$..... is available for grants. The base  
2.17 for this appropriation in fiscal year 2026 and beyond is \$.....

Questions?

Comments



Keep It Clean Program

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