



Reducing Your Nitrogen Footprint

Please Don't Feed the Algae

Once upon a time, sixty years ago, eel grass was abundant in Waquoit Bay and other bays around Cape Cod. It was a safe nursery for young organisms, a restaurant for humans and fish and shellfish, an anchor to hold the sediments together, and a filter to keep the water clear.

Then, things started to change. More and more humans moved to Cape Cod adding wastewater, fertilizers, and nitrogen compounds from the burning of fossil fuels into the bay fertilizing the algae and causing mats to cover the eel grass. Without sunlight, the eel grass died leaving many organisms without a home and reducing the amount of shellfish in the bay.

You probably know this story. But it doesn't have to have a sad ending. Each month we'll bring in a **guest speaker with information on practical actions**, share a tidbit of WBNERR research that shows how our actions connect us to the bay as well as examples of how the Reserve is "walking the walk" for that topic and end the evening with a **hands-on component**.

Come join us the first Tuesday of the month to learn about actions you can do to make a positive impact for healthy bays we can ALL depend on and enjoy.

First Tuesdays at Waquoit Bay Reserve Visitor Center

149 Waquoit Highway/Route 28

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Schedule

October 5, 2010

Crazy for Compost: When Breaking Down is a Good Thing

November 2, 2010

Baby It's Cold Outside: Button-Up for the Winter-Cozy, Cost-effective and Sustainable!

December 7, 2010

Cape Friendly Holidays! Make Your Presence Count

January 4, 2011

The Scoop on Poop: Know Your Options in Treating Wastewater

February 1, 2011

Getting There: Bikes, Buses and Hybrids

March 2, 2011

Saving Open Space

April 6, 2011

Organic Gardening: Grow Your Own

May 4, 2011

Cape Friendly Landscaping



There is no charge for the classes, you are welcome to attend one or all of the sessions.

Registration is preferred (www.waquoitbayreserve.org) but walk-in are welcome.

Doors open at 6:45 and light thematic refreshments will be served.

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