

# FISH KILL DISPOSAL



In the 2013-2014 winter, North Center Lake experienced a fish kill due to low oxygen levels in the lake caused by the long winter, thick ice, heavy snow cover and low water levels. There were numerous dead fish washing up on the shorelines, as a result of this, a fish kill disposal program was implemented for three weekends in late April and early May to allow lakeshore owners to dispose of the dead fish. The dead fish contained phosphorus, which if left in the water would have contributed to the growth of excessive algae in the lake. This program proved to be very successful as 30,000 pounds or 15 tons of dead fish were collected. The phosphorus removed with the fish had the potential to produce 71,250 pounds of algae.



## Partners:

- Chisago County
- Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District
- Hillcrest RV Park
- Chisago Lakes Sanitation



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