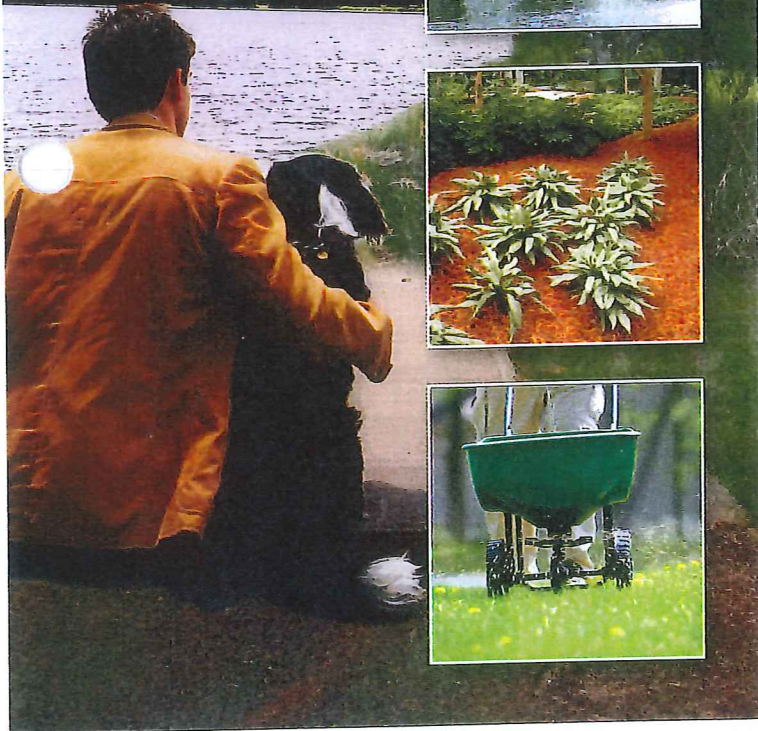


## Protect the Waterfront

Living on the waterfront or near a water body has many benefits. But, there are also responsibilities that come along with being a waterfront homeowner. Everything we put on the land can run off into a water body when it rains. Pollutants such as litter, fertilizer, grass clippings, motor oil and pet waste wash directly into water bodies.



# A Guide to Flood Mitigation



## What is Mitigation?

Mitigation is the effort to reduce loss of life and property by lessening the impact of disasters. Take action now before the next disaster to reduce human and financial consequences later.

## Build Responsibly

- If you plan on improving your home, or your home has sustained damage where repairs cost 50% or more of the building pre-damaged, you will be required to bring your structure up to current building and floodplain standards.
- Get a permit before you build and work with a licensed contractor.

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