



Eagle Lake Improvement Association (ELIA)

Willmar MN | Fall 2025 Newsletter

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Membership Dues – We Need Your Help!

We're close to reaching our goal of 210 paid members for 2025—currently, we're at 185. If you haven't paid your 2025 dues (\$50) yet, please do so today!

Your membership helps fund essential projects that protect the value of your home and the quality of Eagle Lake, including:

- Planning for dam replacement
- Rough fish removal
- Water quality testing
- Work on a proposed trail connecting to North Eagle Road
- Maintenance of the walking path on the south end of Eagle Lake

We all want Eagle Lake to remain a clean, desirable lake with good water quality, free from excessive rough fish and invasive species. Achieving this takes money, planning, and time—your membership truly matters.

- **Pay online:** [Click here](#) to pay via Venmo & fill out the online form.
- **Pay by check:** [Visit our website](#) to download the membership due form.

Early payments help us plan our budget more effectively and maximize the impact of your contributions.



Fall Leaf Pick-Up – Saturday, November 1, 2025

ELIA is once again offering fall leaf pick-up to help protect our lake from excess phosphorus and weed growth.

- Date: Saturday, November 1, 2025
- Time: Place leaf bags at the end of your driveway by 8:00 AM
- What to Bag: LEAVES ONLY – no grass clippings, brush, flowerpots, soil, or garbage. Bag leaves when they are dry to keep them light

Each year, we collect 500–600 bags. If you'd like to help, contact Dan Pomranke at 320-894-7113 or meet at the landing by 8:00 AM. If you have a trailer, your help would be greatly appreciated!

Save the Date – Winter Social Gathering

Join us for a casual evening with fellow lake residents!

- Date: Thursday, January 9, 2026
- Time: 6:00 PM
- Location: American Legion in Spicer
- Details: No formal meeting—just a chance to connect with neighbors and chat with board members. Food and drinks will be self-paid.

Based on your feedback, the annual meeting will now be held during the Summer Picnic to better accommodate residents who travel south for the winter.



Summer Picnic Recap & 2026 Plans

Our 2025 Summer Picnic at the Willmar Community Center was a hit! Residents appreciated the spacious venue, air conditioning, and improved sound system. We've already reserved the same location for next year's event, which will also serve as our Annual Meeting.

- **Date:** Friday, July 31, 2026
- **Location:** Willmar Community Center – 624 US-71 BUS, Willmar, MN 56201
- **Schedule:**
 - 5:30–6:30 PM – Registration & Social Hour
 - 6:30–7:30 PM – Dinner
 - 7:30–8:30 PM – Annual Meeting & Board Updates

[Click here](#) to see the Summer Picnic photos on our Facebook page.



July 4th Boat Parade – Thank You!

This year's parade had the most entries ever! Thank you to everyone who participated and helped make it a fun, family-friendly celebration.

[Click here](#) to see the Boat Parade photos on our Facebook page.

Rough Fish Removal – Looking Ahead to 2026

2025 was a challenging year for commercial rough fish removal due to late ice-out and heavy rains. Despite these setbacks, your support has allowed us to set aside funds for 2026. We've already seen positive results from past efforts—thank you for helping us protect Eagle Lake!

September 2025 - August 2026

Kandiyohi County

Single Sort Recycling

Guidelines

Your recycling is single sort; you can place all items together in your container. They do not need to be sorted. Recycling cart may include the items listed below. Please set your cart out by 5:00 a.m.

** Wheels should point toward your house, away from the street. Cart should be 1 foot from curb, not on the street. Cart should be 3 feet from any other obstructions such as mailboxes, trees, poles, etc. No bumper cords on the lid. Please notice the cart's position after service and position it accordingly on your next service day.

ALUMINUM AND TIN CANS – Includes small scrap pieces of clean aluminum. Labels may remain on cans.

GLASS – Please rinse. All colors of glass are accepted. Labels may remain on glass. No broken glass.

PLASTIC– Please rinse. Labels may remain on containers. Items with #1, #2 and #5 in the recycling triangles are acceptable.

PAPER PRODUCTS/PAPERBOARD – This includes newspaper, ad inserts, magazines, catalogs, mixed residential mail and paperboard. (Paperboard includes items such as cereal, snack and tissue boxes as well as paper grocery bags.)

CARDBOARD – Please no pizza boxes. Please break down cardboard to prevent it from getting stuck in your container.

** These items are not recyclable! **

Styrofoam, batteries, plastic wrap & bags, food waste, shredded paper, and medical/hazardous waste.

For all recycling related questions, contact:
Kandiyohi County Environmental Services
Phone: (320) 231-3587
Web: [www.kcmn.us/recycle](#)

For all curbside related questions, contact:
West Central Sanitation, Inc. Phone: (800) 246-7630
Web: [www.wcsanitation.com](#)

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Mission Statement

We are a non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing, preserving and protecting the quality of Eagle Lake and its watershed. In cooperation with public agencies, we will promote responsible environmental practices and provide information and opportunities to unite the Eagle Lake community through recreation, social and civic activities.

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