

# Who has regulatory authority in the Shoreland Zone?

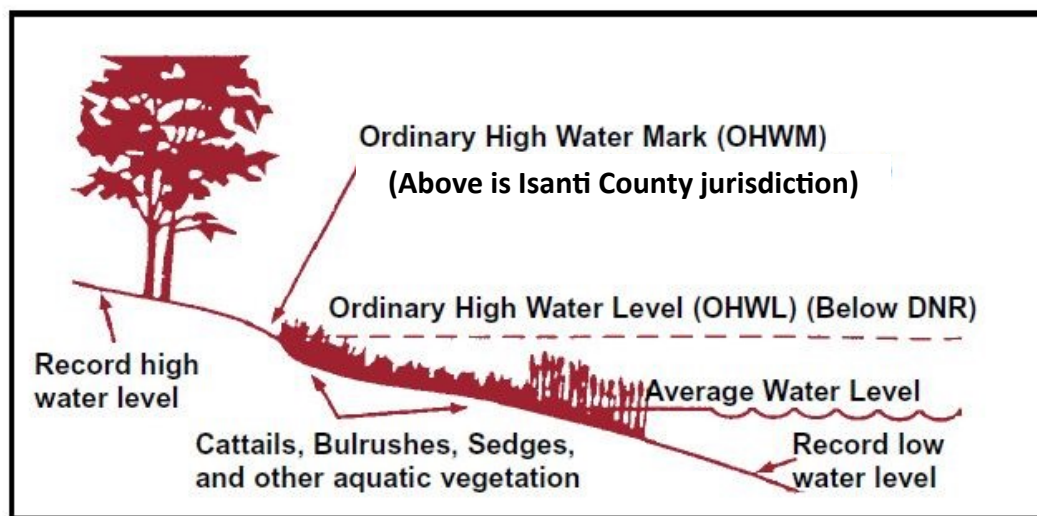
The shoreland zone is defined as the land within 1,000 feet of a lake and 300 feet of a river or stream plus the near shore waters.

**For any actions in the water or on the land below the ordinary high water level (OHWL) of a public water (lakes, rivers, streams, wetlands), check with the appropriate Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) office for permits that may be required.**

**For any actions on the land above the OHWL (the upland areas of your property) and within the shoreland zone, contact the appropriate county or city office.**

How do I know where the Ordinary high water level (OHLW) is? For lakes and wetlands, the OHWL is the highest water level that has been maintained for a sufficient period of time to leave evidence on the landscape; it is not necessarily the highest place the water has been. It is commonly that point where the natural vegetation changes from predominantly aquatic to predominantly terrestrial.

If there is a question about the OHWL on your property, contact the DNR Area Hydrologist.



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