

# MANITOBA COALITION *for Safer Waters*



## **Lifejacket Loaner Program**

As part of our mission to reduce the number of drownings in our province, the Manitoba Coalition for Safer Waters assists communities and organizations in setting up local Lifejacket Loaner Programs and Stations. The Coalition provides lifejackets or PFDs (Personal Floatation Devices) at no cost, and provides advice and recommendations on how lifejackets are loaned out to community members.

A Lifejacket Loaner Program helps prevent drownings by:

- Providing lifejackets at no cost;
- Providing appropriately-sized lifejackets;
- Providing individuals and communities with education about water safety and how/when to wear lifejackets.

### **How to Become a Lifejacket Loaner Program Community**

1. Establish a “loaning system” that includes ongoing monitoring;
2. Identify a contact person who will be responsible for the Lifejacket Loaner Program;
3. Submit an annual report to the Coalition for Safer Waters by October 31<sup>st</sup> of each calendar year (a report form will be provided to you).

Submit your completed application by e-mail, fax, or mail to the Manitoba Coalition for Safer Waters. All applicants will be contacted regarding community selection. The deadline for applications is **June 18th**

### **How it works?**

1. A centralized location for loaning out and storing of lifejackets is required
2. Information is made available to the public about water safety, appropriate wearing, and use of lifejackets.
3. A monitoring system that includes:
  - Tracking when lifejackets are borrowed, and when they will be returned.
  - Ongoing checks to be sure the lifejackets are in good, usable condition (no tears, broken zippers, missing straps, etc.).
4. An annual review to determine the status of your Loaner Program, and whether any lifejackets need to be replaced.

## LIFEJACKET LOANER PROGRAM APPLICATION FORM

Please send completed applications by e-mail, fax, or mail to:

Manitoba Coalition for Safer Waters  
Lifejacket Loaner Program  
Attn: Lorne Edwards  
c/o Lifesaving Society Manitoba  
100 – 383 Provencher Blvd  
Winnipeg, MB R2H 0G9

Phone: (204) 956-2124 ext. 5  
Fax: (204) 944-8546  
Email: [lorne.edwards@lifesaving.mb.ca](mailto:lorne.edwards@lifesaving.mb.ca)



Name of Community/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

### Community/Organization Information:

Community Population: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Closest Body of Water: \_\_\_\_\_

Distance to Closest Body of Water: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe how your community/organization currently use local waterways:

Describe your program (Who will run the program? How will it be organized?):

I understand that by signing below I agree to provide a report about the activity undertaken by the above Lifejacket Loaner Program by October 31, 2021:  Yes

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Authorized Signature**  
*Must be a community administrator*

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Print Name**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Position/Title**

**Contact Information:**

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Office Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Office Fax #: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_