

ALGAL BLOOMS

Blue-green algae (cyanobacteria) occur naturally in freshwater. But it can multiply quickly under certain conditions, creating an algal bloom that can be harmful to adults, children, and animals.

Health effects can include gastrointestinal symptoms, skin or eye irritation, and asthma-like breathing issues.

HOW DO I KNOW IF THERE IS AN ALGAL BLOOM?

Water will appear slightly discolored, cloudy, or resemble pea soup or paint. Typically blue or green, water can also be brown or red and have a bad odor. Look for scum or a mat on the water surface or along the shoreline. When in doubt, stay out.

If you're exposed ...

- Wash yourself with tap or bottled water. Call your doctor, nurse, or health care clinic.
- If your pet swallows contaminated water, call your veterinarian.
- If health issues are serious, contact a health care professional immediately.

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