

Hello,

Thank you for reaching out to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) with your concerns about potential Harmful Algal Blooms caused by 'Blue Green Algae' in Minnesota waters.

ATTENTION!!!

If you (or your pet) are currently experiencing any severe symptoms from a potential harmful algae bloom exposure, please seek immediate medical or veterinary attention. Your health and safety are the most important. Symptoms observed outside normal behavior may include:

- Frequent or sustained nausea / vomiting / diarrhea
- Sudden or prolonged sleepiness/laziness
- Loss of desire to eat or drink
- Stumbling, pupil dilation, drooling, seizures, or other signs of neurological stress (Animals)
- Severe skin rashes or sudden respiratory symptoms (humans)

Please instruct your medical Doctor (MD) or pet's Veterinarian (DMV) to share your report with the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) Food and Waterborne Illness hotline **as soon as possible** so we can gather needed information to determine if a site visit is possible. ***Time is critical to catch the bloom before it changes condition or location.***

- **Call:** 1-877-366-3455
- **Or Email:** health.foodill@state.mn.us * This is the correct email address for waterborne illnesses as well.

Below are some additional resources from state and federal agencies meant to help water resource users and local water managers communicate or share information about potential Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs). Please consider reporting your information to the local level (city, township, county) in case they have the capacity to either monitor the situation or post a hazard warning for the public.

- **Minnesota Pollution Control Agency recreational advisories and guidance**
[MPCA State Recreational Advisories \(Harmful Algae Blooms\)](#)
- **Report the bloom location and details to the EPA's free 'BloomWatch' App**
[Cyanos.Org / EPA / BloomWatch](#)
- **General information from MPCA about 'Blue Green Algae'**
[State of MN - MPCA Blue Green Algae - Harmful Algae Blooms](#)

- **At home tests to determine the likelihood that Blue Green Algae species are present in your water**

[Simple, no-cost tests for blue-green algae \(state.mn.us\)](http://state.mn.us)

Thank you for taking the time to look out for the citizens and pets in your community! If you have any additional questions, or if there is anything we can do for you in the future, please do not hesitate to reach back out to us.

Kind regards,

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