



What To Do If You Suspect a Blue Green Algae Bloom

1. Take pictures- as high resolution as possible
2. Record the location – lake, street address and or GPS
3. Notify **MOECP Spills Action Line** at **1-866-663-8477** (*line operates 24/7*)
 1. Online at <https://report-pollution.ene.gov.on.ca/>
 2. Provide the pictures and location info
4. Notify your **Lake Association** so that your Association can let all the members on the lake know
5. Lake associations should notify all **people on their email list**
6. Lake Assoc should notify **the Mayor, Deputy Mayor & Local councilor**
7. Lake Assoc should **Notify the HKPR Health Department** - Bernie Mayer <bmayer@HKPR.ON.CA>
8. Tell your neighbours who may not be on the lake association email list
9. **Do Not**
 - i. Swim in the lake
 - ii. Let pets or any animals swim or drink from the lake
10. **Do Not** allow water from the lake to enter your house/cottage
 - i. Most water treatment systems will not safely treat water with a blue green algae bloom
 - ii. Boiling or chlorinating the water can release toxins into the air
 - iii. UV filters will not safely treat water which contains a blue green algae bloom
11. Stop using the water and seek medical attention if symptoms such as skin, eye or throat irritation, allergic reactions or breathing difficulties occur while in contact with untreated surface waters.
12. **Do not eat fish** caught in the water body.



Where to get more information:

- C.H.A. - <https://www.cohpoa.org/lake-health-3/algae-and-algal-blooms/>
- Ontario Ministry of Environment - <https://www.ontario.ca/page/blue-green-algae>

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