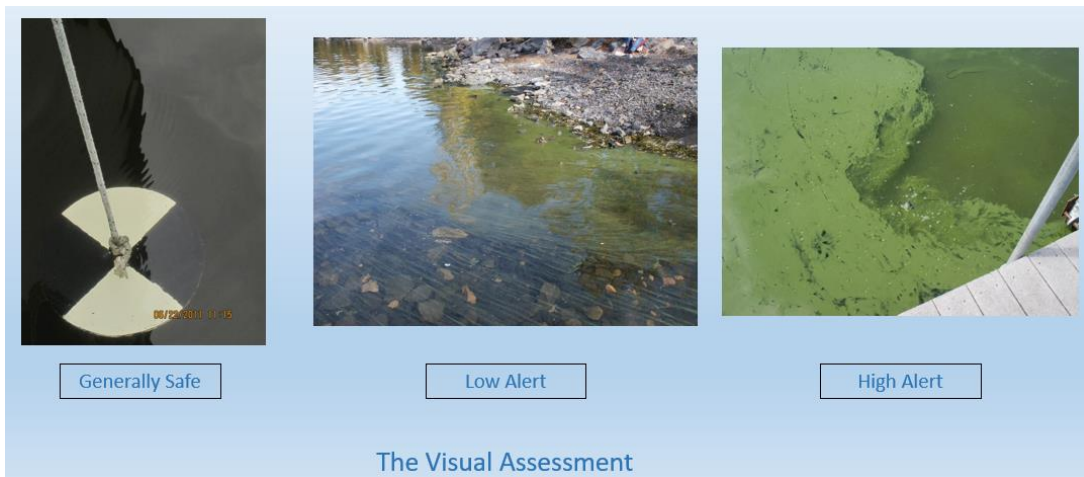


Become A Cyanobacteria Monitor in 2019

The Lakes and Ponds Program is recruiting volunteers to monitor for cyanobacteria across the state. Volunteers are asked to

- Attend a training workshop in later this spring
- Make weekly observations at a location of your choice (June through early September)
- Report any cyanobacteria that might show up during the week
- Submit your reports via our online portal

No boat or special equipment required. All you need is your eyes to use our visual assessment system.



The Visual Assessment

Vermont Blue Green Algae Tracker

Select Lake/Region: Select Monitoring Town:

Blue-Green Algae Testing Results

- High Alert
- Low Alert
- Generally Safe

Site	Site Name	Date	Test Type	Status
56	Kill Kare State Park	8/11/2014	Visual	Generally Safe
121	Lane's Lane Landing	8/11/2014	Visual	Generally Safe
59	Allen Bay	8/11/2014	Visual	Generally Safe
210	Tri Town Road, West	8/11/2014	Visual	Generally Safe
	Rock River on St. Armand Rd	8/11/2014	Visual	High Alert

About Blue-green Algae and blooms

Wind and waves can move algae around. Blooms can appear or disappear very rapidly so conditions around the lake are likely to change over the course of the week.

- To check on the current status of your favorite beach or swimming area, contact whoever is responsible for maintaining the beach. This may be the town, Vermont State Parks, or a private association.
- It is not possible to tell whether algae blooms are toxic by looking at them. Everyone should become familiar with the appearance of blue-green algae blooms and avoid them.
- See examples of what Blue-green Algae does and does not look like [here](#).

Be cautious and avoid blooms

- Children are at higher risk because they are more likely to play near the shoreline and drink water while swimming.
- Pets will also drink the water and lick off algae that may be caught in their fur.
- Avoid boating, jet-skiing and swimming through blooms.

If you become ill

If you or someone you know may have become ill because of exposure to Blue-green Algae, seek medical attention and then contact the Health Department at 1-800-439-8869.

Department of Health Blue-green Algae website
Environmental Public Health Tracking Portal

VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION
WATERSHED MANAGEMENT DIVISION
LAKES & PONDS PROGRAM

Reports are shared through the CyanoTracker website at the VT Department of Health

<http://www.healthvermont.gov/tracking/cyanobacteria-tracker>



For more information on becoming a cyanobacteria monitor email ANR.Lakesvolmonitoring@vermont.gov

Or call Angela Shambaugh at 802-490-6130

