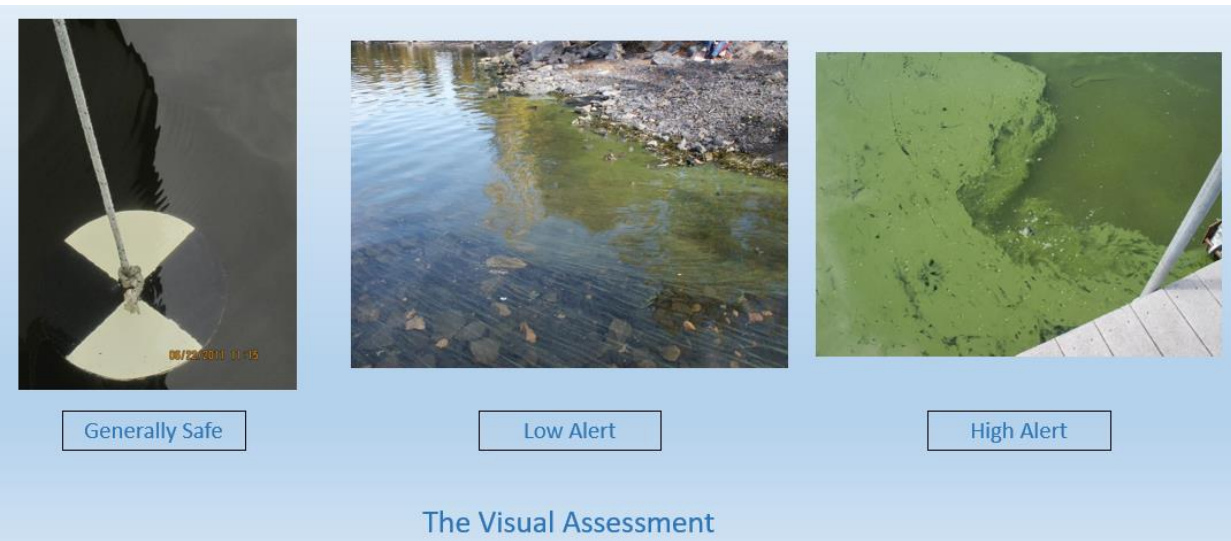


Become a Cyanobacteria Monitor in 2021!

The Lakes and Ponds program at Vermont DEC is recruiting volunteers to monitor for cyanobacteria across the state. Volunteers are asked to:

- Attend a training webinar in June
- Make weekly observations at a location of your choice (starting the week of June 20, for 12 weeks)
- Report any cyanobacteria blooms that you notice during the week
- Submit your reports via our online portal

No boat or special equipment needed! All you need is your eyes!



Reports are shared through the CyanoTracker website at the Vermont Department of Health:

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

Vermont Blue Green Algae Tracker

Select Lake/Region: Select Monitoring Town:

Blue-Green Algae Testing Results

- High Alert
- Low Alert
- Generally Safe

Site Name	Date	Test Type	Status
55 Killcare State Park	8/11/2014	Visual	Generally Safe
121 Lane's Lane Landing	8/11/2014	Visual	Generally Safe
59 Alton Bay	8/11/2014	Visual	Generally Safe
210 Tri Town Road, West Addison	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 as 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 1-800-439-9890.

Department of Health, Blue-green Algae mobile
Environmental Public Health, Tracking Portal

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