Cyanobacteria (blue-green algae) are present in many Illinois waterbodies. During periods of warm, dry weather they may reproduce quickly and cause potentially toxic blooms.

People and pets should avoid water that has:

- bright green streaks
- thick scums
- discoloration (blue, green, brown, or white)
- blue or green dried crusts
- strong odors

When in doubt, keep out!



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