

Water Quality Advisory: Blue-Green Algae Bloom (Three Mile Lake)

The Township of Muskoka Lakes is advising residents and visitors that the [Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit](#) ("SMDHU") has issued a water quality advisory for **Three Mile Lake**, due to confirmed presence of blue-green algae (cyanobacteria).

Blue-green algae can produce toxins that may pose health risks to people and pets. Conditions on the water can change quickly; blooms may appear, move, or dissipate with wind and weather. The Township will continue to share updates from SMDHU as they become available.

What should I do if I spot blue-green algae?

- If you're not sure, stay out!
- Assume toxins are present whenever you see a bloom.
- Stay out of the water and keep pets away.
- Wash with soap and clean water right after exposure.
- Contact your healthcare provider if you develop symptoms after being in water with blue-green algae.
- Report suspected blooms to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP). Incidents can be reported [online](#) or by phone (see contact below).

If your private water supply may be affected by a bloom:

- Do not drink the water or use it for cooking or baby formula.
- Use bottled water or another safe source.
- Do not boil the water. Boiling does not remove toxins and can increase them.
- Avoid using chemicals like herbicides, copper sulphate, or algaecides which can release more toxins.

For more information, visit the SMDHU website here: [Blue-Green Algae](#)

Current Advisories: For the most up-to-date information on current waterways affected by blue-green algae, please visit the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit's webpage: [Blue-Green Algae](#)

Contact: For information on the potential health risks associated with blue-green algal blooms, please contact Health Connection at 705-721-7520 or toll-free at 1-877-721-7520 to speak with a public health inspector.

Report suspected blooms to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP). Incidents can be reported [online](#) or by phone:

- 416-325-3000
- Toll-free: 1-800-268-6060
- TTY: 1-855-889-5775

Note: This advisory on muskokalakelakes.ca will be updated in accordance with information provided by the [Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit](#).