



UTAH DEPARTMENT of
**ENVIRONMENTAL
QUALITY**

HARMFUL ALGAL BLOOMS

Harmful algal blooms (HABs) develop when naturally occurring cyanobacteria in the water multiply very quickly to form green or blue-green water, scum, or mats. These blooms can produce powerful toxins that are harmful to people, pets, and livestock.



Recognize the sign of a bloom and avoid...

Water That Resembles:

- Spilled Paint
- Antifreeze
- Grass Clippings

Water That Has:

- Surface Scum or Film
- Discoloration or Streaking
- Green Globbs on or Below the Surface

It's important to follow posted advisories.

Local health departments post advisories when they determine a bloom poses a significant health risk. Advisories provide guidance that keeps people and their pets stay safe from the harmful effects of cyanobacteria and their toxins.

For More Information Visit:
HABS.UTAH.GOV

PLAY SAFE, STAY SAFE

Posted health advisories provide you with the information you need to enjoy Utah waters. Follow these recommendations to stay safe.



Don't swim or water ski in an area with a posted advisory.



Avoid areas of scum when boating.



Keep animals away.



Don't swallow the water.



Clean fish well and discard guts.



PLAN AHEAD: TAKE TIME BEFORE PLAYTIME

Before leaving home, check water conditions and advisories on DEQ's Recreational Advisory Map at:

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AVOID CONTACT

- Don't swallow the water.
- Wash your hands before eating, preparing food, or touching your mouth.
- Rinse off after entering.
- Don't let pets drink from scummy water.
- Keep children away from scum.



REPORT EXPOSURE

Call the Utah Poison Control Center (UPCC) at **(800) 222-1222** if you think you or your pet have been exposed.

KNOW THE SYMPTOMS

Human - diarrhea, vomiting, difficulty breathing, rashes, or runny nose.

Animal - weakness, staggering, seizures, difficulty breathing or drooling.