

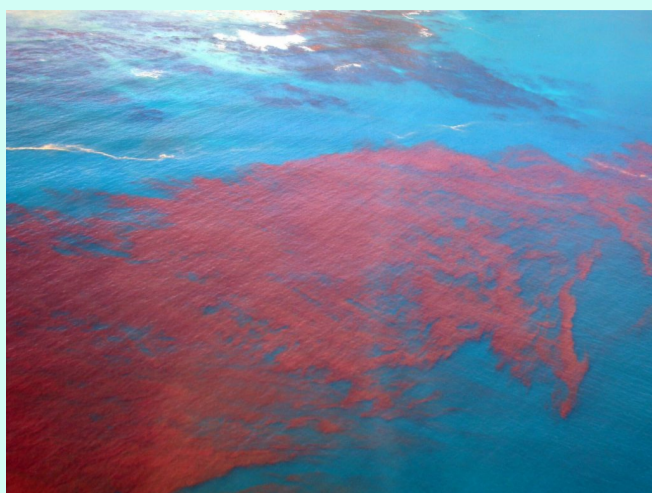


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HARMFUL ALGAE BLOOMS

About Algae Blooms

- They look like foam, scum, mats, or paint on surfaces of water
- They change the color of the water to green, blue, brown, or red



How to identify Harmful Algae Blooms:

- Foul smell
- Water looks like "pea soup"
- Floating green sand appearance
- Green slime growing rocks and plants in water

How to identify a person or animal effected by algae

- Known or potential exposure to source of algae
- Flu-like symptoms
- Nausea / Vomiting / Diarrhea
- Seizures
- Dizziness
- Headaches
- Difficulty breathing



For your safety:

- Stay out of water with signs of algae
- Keep your pets out of water with signs of algae
- Do not fish, swim, or go boating in water with signs of algae
- Follow local advisories before eating shellfish or fish

If you suspect an infection related to harmful algae blooms, visit your nearest health center, health care provider, or call the Michigan Poison & Drug Information Center immediately for advice.



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