

Five Things to Know

About Cyanobacteria Harmful Algae Blooms (CHABs)

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Cyanobacteria blooms in Oregon waters can produce toxins that harm people, pets and wildlife. They are often pea green or blue-green and can look like small clumps, scummy or paint-like.

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If there is a bloom in the water, stay out! Don't drink, cook with or try to filter the water. Don't let dogs swim in or drink the water or lick scum from their fur.



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Most at risk:



Infants, if the water is used in their formula



Children age 6 and younger



Dogs



People age 60 and older and those with health conditions

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The symptoms in people often mimic food poisoning:



Cramping and diarrhea



Vomiting

If symptoms are severe or last longer than 72 hours, seek medical help.

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Wash your pets immediately if they go into water with a bloom.

Seek veterinary help at first sign of symptoms such as drooling, weakness, vomiting or staggering.