



FOX WATERWAY AGENCY

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Lake County Health Department Blue Green Algae- Lake Catherine

A follow up sample from the Lake Catherine blue-green algae bloom still shows microcystin levels above the recommended water quality criteria (>8 ug/L). Harmful Algal Bloom/Blue Green Algae conditions can change rapidly and can dissipate or have expansive growth depending on conditions. Just because a bloom is spotted on one portion of the lake does not mean the entire lake has a bloom. Blue-green algae blooms can occur throughout the summer and early fall and can typically congregate along shorelines and channels. Lake users who plan to recreate in or on Illinois water are advised to avoid contact with water that:

- Looks like spilled, green or blue-green paint
- Has surface scums, mats or films;
- Has a blue or green crust at the shoreline;
- Is discolored or has green-colored streaks or
- Has greenish globs suspended in the water below the surface.

For further information please contact the Lake County Health Department at 847-377-8020.