

# Should you let your kids or pets play in this?

**BAD  
IDEA!**

Algae are common in lakes and rivers. But at high concentrations a type called “blue-green” algae can make people and animals sick.

## What to look for:

- ▼ Does the water look “pea soupy”?
- ▼ Does it smell swampy?

## Blue-green algae can:

- ▼ irritate skin, eyes and nasal passages and make you sick.
- ▼ poison your pets or livestock – animals have died from it.

If you or your pets have come in contact with blue-green algae, **wash thoroughly.**

Think you or animals are sick from it?  
Call a doctor or veterinarian immediately.



*When in doubt, best keep out!*

For more information see [www.pca.state.mn.us/water/clmp-toxicalgae](http://www.pca.state.mn.us/water/clmp-toxicalgae), or call (651) 296-6300 or (800) 657-3864.

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