

## **Cyanobacteria commonly forms blooms in man-made and private structures.**

- Heed all instructions on posted advisories if present.
- Avoid algae and scum in the water and on shore.
- Keep an eye on children and pets (dogs).
- If you think a harmful algae bloom (HAB) is present, do not let pets and other animals go into or drink the water, or eat scum and algal accumulations on the shore.
- If you think a HAB is present, reduce potential for inhalation of sprays or mists by avoiding areas downwind of the bloom, and activities near the bloom that could kick up spray, such as boating at higher speeds, water skiing, or splashing.
- Don't drink the water or use it for cooking.
- If you think a HAB is present avoid the water. Wash yourself, your family, and your pets with clean water if you come into contact with the water.
- If you catch fish, throw away guts and clean fillets with tap water or bottled water before cooking.
- Avoid eating shellfish from the water if you think a HAB is present.

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