

# 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!**

This poster prepared by the Minnesota Interagency Work Group on Blue-Green Algae.

In Wisconsin - <http://dnr.wi.gov/lakes/bluegreenalgae/>