



Know before you go: Toxic algae mats



Do NOT let children
or adults touch or eat algae
mats or swallow water.



Do NOT let dogs eat
algae mats or drink from
the water.



Toxic benthic mats could look like these images. Photos provided by Benton Franklin Health District and Clark County Public Health.

Avoid clumps of brown, green, yellow, or red algae found in shallow water near the shore of rivers and lakes.

Illness symptoms may occur in people and dogs within minutes to a few hours after contact.

Symptoms in people:

- Tingling
- Burning
- Drowsiness
- Salivating
- Difficulty speaking
- Vomiting and diarrhea

Symptoms in dogs:

- Diarrhea or vomiting
- Unconsciousness
- Weakness
- Disorientation
- Difficulty breathing
- Excessive salivation

People experiencing symptoms should **contact their health care provider** right away or **call Poison Control** at 1.800.222.1222.

Call an emergency veterinarian if your dog experiences symptoms or dies.

Report exposures and illnesses to health officials:

Washington

Clark County Public Health
dlcntyhealthwaterrec@clark.wa.gov
564.397.8428

Oregon

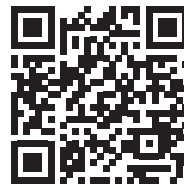
Oregon Health Authority
hab.health@odhsoha.oregon.gov
877.290.6767

For other formats, contact the Clark County ADA Office
564.397.2322 / 711 or 800.833.6388 / ADA@clark.wa.gov

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