

NEWS RELEASE

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WARNING ABOUT POTENTIAL FOR BLUE-GREEN ALGAE OUTBREAK IN EAGLE LAKE

TOWNSHIP OF MACHAR, ON - Blue-green algae bacteria has been spotted in Eagle Lake in two locations – in Angus Bay (N45.82021 W-79.50844) and in Mikisew Provincial Park (N45.80696 W-79.49131). The bacteria bloom has not yet occurred; but with the current weather conditions it could.

The Ministry of Environment and Climate Change (MOECC) will not collect another sample from this lake again this year. To be cautious, all residents of Eagle Lake should watch for the bloom. The following safety measures must be followed when you see a bloom near your residence:

1. Do not use the water. This includes: drinking, cooking, bathing, brushing teeth, water sports. NOTE: Boiling the water does not kill the bacteria in the algae.
2. Do not use water from the lake for animals or pets.
3. Do not eat anything from the lake especially the fish.

For further information about blue-green algae please visit our website at myhealthunit.ca

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