

HARMFUL CYANOBACTERIAL BLOOMS

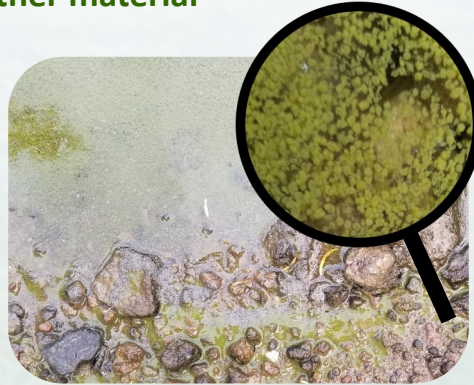


What are Harmful Cyanobacterial Blooms or HCBs?

- HCBs are dense accumulations of cyanobacteria or “blue-green algae”
- HCBs are “harmful” because they can produce toxins and other irritants
- Toxins and irritants can cause rashes and illnesses in humans and animals

What do you need to look for?

- HCBs may be brown, green, or blue-green
- HCBs may look like spilled-paint, grass clippings, clumps, or scums, and may leave a paste along the shoreline
- HCBs can occur on or in the water, either floating or attached to plants, rocks, or other material



What to do if you see a HCB?

- Avoid blooms when recreating in the water
- If you or your pet feel sick or get a rash after coming into contact with a bloom, rinse off with clean water and call your doctor or veterinarian

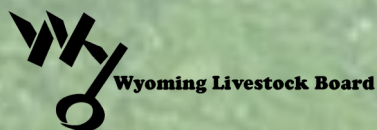
Report blooms to DEQ's *Report a Spill* hotline at WyoSpills.org or 307-777-7501

Health information at <http://www.cdc.gov/habs/>

For more information and to check bloom conditions: WyoHCBs.org



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