

# STAY OUT OF GREEN WATER!

HABs – harmful algal blooms - turn our slow-moving lakes and ponds into green, discolored or cloudy pools that can be dangerous to people, pets and fish.

## How can you spot HABs?

HABs most often happen in stagnant or slow-moving water. The bacteria turns the water solid or neon green. As a result, the water loses that clear, clean water look.

Water may still have toxins present even after the bloom is gone. Look for information from your local government for when it is safe to go back into the water.

## What to do if you see a HAB?

**Stay Away!** If the water is green, stay away from the water. It can be harmful to swim or wade in the water, eat fish or let your dog drink the water.

**Report!** Report the HAB to the state system.

**Take Action!** Join Waterkeepers Carolina's action list to help put an end to HABs.



Report a HAB and get more information [waterkeeperscarolina.org/habs](http://waterkeeperscarolina.org/habs)

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