

# Five Things to Know

## About Cyanobacteria Harmful Algae Blooms (CHABs)

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Cyanobacteria blooms in Oregon waters can produce toxins that harm people, pets and wildlife. They are often pea green or blue-green and can look like small clumps, scummy or paint-like.

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**If there is a bloom in the water, stay out!** Don't drink, cook with or try to filter the water. Don't let dogs swim in or drink the water or lick scum from their fur.



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### Most at risk:



Infants, if the water is used in their formula



Children age 6 and younger



Dogs



People age 60 and older and those with health conditions

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### The symptoms in people often mimic food poisoning:



Cramping and diarrhea



Vomiting

If symptoms are severe or last longer than 72 hours, seek medical help.

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### Wash your pets immediately if they go into water with a bloom.

Seek veterinary help at first sign of symptoms such as drooling, weakness, vomiting or staggering.