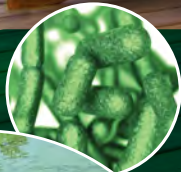


When Renting Lake Property, Know Your Risks From CHABs



Cyanobacteria are natural, beneficial bacteria found in fresh water everywhere. A Cyanobacteria Harmful Algae Bloom (CHAB) is an overgrowth of these bacteria that may produce toxins harmful to you and your pets. When a CHAB is present, do not swim or play in the water and keep pets away!

CHABs may resemble:

- Thick, bright green or blue-green, paint-like scum on the water surface
- Clumped strands or grass clippings, or
- Bundles of globs or mats.

CHABs tend to form:

- Along shorelines
- In sheltered coves, and
- Around structures such as docks.

There is no way to know if a bloom is producing toxins without lab tests. Very few of Oregon's lakes are regularly tested for toxins.



To be safe, you and your pet should not swim or play in water with signs of a bloom



Don't drink or cook with affected water.

Contact your property management team _____ at _____ to determine the source of drinking water in your lake rental. If the water in a rental property is not connected to a public treatment system or on a private well, it comes from the lake. If you know a CHAB is present near you or see what looks like a bloom, use a different source of drinking water, such as bottled water, unless testing shows the bloom is not producing toxins at harmful levels.