

**Manny's Pond at Hoffman Park, Union Township
Canoe Pond at Crystal Springs, Lebanon Township**

WATCH

**HEALTH EFFECTS RISK
HARMFUL ALGAL BLOOM (HAB)
FLORACIONES DE ALGAS NOCIVAS**

Always keep children and pets away from areas with blooms or scums.



*Public Bathing Beaches will be closed under the authority of NJDOH regulation, New Jersey State Sanitary Code Chapter IX Public Recreational Bathing N.J.A.C. 8:26.

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A harmful algal bloom (HAB) are not caused by true algae but rather by cyanobacteria that resemble and behave like algae. These cyanobacteria occur naturally in fresh water and can proliferate to unhealthy levels in sunlight and hot weather, forming dense mats and resembling pea soup or spilled paint. These blooms at higher than normal levels can be dangerous to people, animals or the ecology. Some, but not all, HABs produce chemicals that can be toxic to humans and animals if ingested, inhaled, or if contacted by skin or mucous membranes. These toxins can also accumulate in fish and shellfish which can cause illness when either are consumed. For additional information on freshwater cyanobacterial HABs visit the State's website at www.nj.gov/dep/hab.