



News Advisory

Harmful algal bloom advisories issued for sections of Bridgeport Reservoir

Danger advisory in effect near old marina boat ramp and dam; lower-level Caution advisory at RV park

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BRIDGEPORT –Visitors to Bridgeport Reservoir in Mono County are advised to avoid affected areas after testing confirmed the presence of a harmful algal bloom that can make people and animals sick and pose a particular risk to children and dogs.

A Danger advisory is in effect near the Old Marina Boat Ramp and dam areas, where people and pets should stay out of the water. A lower-level Caution advisory is in effect at the RV park, where visitors should avoid algae and scum and keep pets out of the water. Satellite monitoring indicates elevated concentrations of cyanobacteria across much of the reservoir, and conditions can change quickly.

The Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board and Walker River Irrigation District are coordinating efforts to monitor conditions at the reservoir and keep visitors informed.

Danger – Old Marina Boat Ramp and dam

- Stay out of the water in the affected area, including on watercraft.
- Do not let pets or other animals enter or drink the water or go near algae or scum.
- Stay away from algae, scum and cloudy or discolored water.
- Do not eat fish caught in the affected area.
- Do not drink the water or use it for cooking. Boiling or filtering will not make it safe.

Caution – RV park

- Swimming is allowed but stay away from algae and scum in the water.
- Keep children away from algae in the water and along the shore.
- Do not let pets or other animals enter or drink the water or eat algae or scum along the shore.
- If you catch fish, throw away the guts and clean fillets with tap or bottled water before cooking.
- Do not eat shellfish from the affected area.
- Do not drink the water or use it for cooking. Boiling or filtering will not make it safe.

Harmful algal blooms can produce toxins that make people and animals sick. Children



and dogs are especially vulnerable because they are more likely to swallow water while swimming or playing.

Harmful algal blooms can appear as green or blue-green discoloration in the water, floating mats or scum, or streaks on the water's surface. Conditions can change quickly as wind and waves move or concentrate a bloom in different areas.

Visitors should follow posted advisory signs and avoid suspicious-looking algae even in areas where signs are not present. Current conditions and advisory locations are available on the [California HAB Reports Web Map](#).

Visitors are encouraged to practice [healthy water habits](#) whenever enjoying California lakes, rivers and streams, including avoiding algae and scum, keeping children and pets away from affected water and washing with clean water after water contact. More information is available on the Water Boards' Healthy Water Habits webpage.

Seek medical or veterinary care immediately if you think a person or animal became sick after contact with a harmful algal bloom. Tell the medical or veterinary professional about the possible exposure.

The Water Boards will provide regular updates to inform the community when postings are removed on the California HAB Reports Web Map.

For more information about HABs, please visit:
[California Harmful Algal Blooms Portal](#)





CAUTION

**Harmful algae may be present in this water.
For your family's safety:**



You can swim in this water, but **stay away from algae and scum** in the water.



Do not let pets and other animals go into or drink the water, or eat scum on the shore.



Keep children away from algae in the water or on the shore.



Do not drink this water or use it for cooking.



For fish caught here, **throw away guts and clean fillets** with tap water or bottled water before cooking.



Do not eat shellfish from this water.

Call your doctor or veterinarian if you or your pet get sick after going in the water.
For information on harmful algae, go to mywaterquality.ca.gov/monitoring_council/cyanohab_network
For local information, contact:

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DANGER

Toxins from algae in this water can harm people and kill animals



**Stay out of the water until further notice.
Do not touch scum in the water or on shore.**



Do not let pets or other animals drink or go into the water or go near the scum.



Do not eat fish or shellfish from this water.



Do not use this water for drinking or cooking.
Boiling or filtering will not make the water safe.

For people, the toxins can cause:

- Skin rashes, eye irritation
- Diarrhea, vomiting

For animals, the toxins can cause:

- Diarrhea, vomiting
- Convulsions and death

Call your doctor or veterinarian if you or your pet get sick after going in the water.

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