HARMFUL ALGAL BLOOMS IN PRIVATE WATER BODIES

WHO TO CALL?

Harmful algal blooms, or HABs, are dense growths of algae with the potential for creating toxins that cause a risk to human and animal health. Children and pets are most at risk while engaging in recreation in the water. Adults with compromised immune systems are also more susceptible to illness from exposure. The list below includes contact information that can be helpful if you come into contact with HABs at your local, private water body.

**General info or to report a bloom**
For general questions, more information, or to report water discoloration or scum encountered at a privately owned or managed water body, call the SBEAP Hotline, **800-578-8898**, or email **sbeap@k-state.edu**.

**Animal exposure**
Rinse pets immediately and call your veterinarian. Then call the K-State Veterinary Health Center — **785-532-5690** for small animals and **785-532-5700** for equine or livestock. You can also call the Pet Poison Helpline at **1-855-764-7661**. Finally, report the incident to KDHE Epidemiology [online](#) or by calling **877-427-7317**.

**Human exposure**
If you have been exposed and think you may have symptoms caused by harmful algae, call your healthcare provider or the poison control center hotline, **1-800-222-1222**. Then, report the incident to KDHE Epidemiology [online](#) or by calling **877-427-7317**.

**Testing**
Water samples may be sent to the K-State Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory for testing. You can contact the lab by calling **866-512-5650** or emailing **clientcare@vet.k-state.edu**. For more information about jar and stick tests you can do at no cost, scan the QR code or visit [www.sbeap.org/habs](http://www.sbeap.org/habs).

**Report a human or pet health incident**
If a person or animal becomes ill after suspected exposure to an algal bloom, consult medical or veterinary care providers immediately, then report the event to KDHE Epidemiology [online](#), by calling **877-427-7317** or by emailing **KDHE.EpiHotline@ks.gov**.

Visit [www.sbeap.org/habs](http://www.sbeap.org/habs) for downloadable resources, signage, details about preventive measures and a full list of laboratory testing contact information.