Should you let your kids or pets play in this?

Algae are common in lakes and rivers. But at high concentrations a type called “blue-green” algae can make people and animals sick.

What to look for:
- Does the water look “pea soupy”?
- Does it smell swampy?

Blue-green algae can:
- Irritate skin, eyes and nasal passages and make you sick.
- Poison your pets or livestock – animals have died from it.

If you or your pets have come in contact with blue-green algae, wash thoroughly.

Think you or animals are sick from it?
Call a doctor or veterinarian immediately.

When in doubt, best keep out!

For more information see www.pca.state.mn.us/water/clmptoxicalgae, or call (651) 296-6300 or (800) 657-3864.
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