

## News release

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### **Oregon Public Health Division lifts advisories for North Fork Reservoir and Timothy Lake**

#### ***Reduced blue-green algae levels confirmed***

Health advisories prompted by high algae levels found in North Fork Reservoir, located , located seven miles south of Estacada on Hwy 224, and Timothy Lake, located 25 miles south of Government Camp, were lifted today by Oregon Health Authority's Public Health Division and Clackamas County Health Department officials.

The advisory went into effect Sept. 8, 2011.

Water monitoring has confirmed reduced levels of blue-green algae that can produce toxins harmful to humans and animals.

These reduced levels are not likely to be associated with dangerous toxin concentrations in the water, according to World Health Organization guidelines.

Oregon health officials advise people who recreate in Oregon water bodies to always be alert to signs of algae blooms. People and their pets should avoid water contact if there are visible clumps of algae in the water.

For local information contact Portland General Electric at 503-630-8234.

For health information, contact the Harmful Algae Bloom Surveillance program at 971-673-0400 or [www.healthoregon.org/hab](http://www.healthoregon.org/hab); also contact the Oregon Public Health toll-free information line at 1-877-290-6767 or Clackamas County Health Department at 503-655-8386.

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