

## News release

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### **Health advisory lifted for Fern Ridge Reservoir** *Reduced blue-green algae levels confirmed*

The Oregon Health Authority has lifted a health advisory issued August 15 for Fern Ridge Reservoir, located 12 miles west of Eugene off Oregon Route 126 in Lane County. High levels of blue-green algae in the lake prompted the advisory.

Water monitoring has confirmed reduced levels of blue-green algae and associated toxins. These reduced levels are not likely to be harmful to humans and animals.

Oregon health officials advise people who use Oregon water bodies for recreation to always be alert to signs of algae blooms. People and their pets should avoid contact if the water is foamy, scummy, thick like paint, pea-green, blue-green or brownish red in color, or if a mat of algae is visible in the water.

For local information about water quality or blue-green algae sampling, contact the Lane County Parks Department at 541-682-2005.

For health information, to report human or pet illnesses due to blooms, or to ask questions about a news release, contact the Oregon Health Authority at 971-673-0400. You can also contact the Oregon Public Health toll-free information line at 1-877-290-6767 or visit the Harmful Algae Bloom program's website at [www.healthoregon.org/hab](http://www.healthoregon.org/hab) and select "Algae Bloom Advisories," for information regarding advisories issued or lifted for the season.

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