FLORIDA'S ALGAL BLOOM RESPONSE TEAM

The state's Algal Bloom Response Team includes several state agencies and local governments working together to address algal blooms, each with specific roles.

Florida Department of Environmental Protection

- » Conducts routine sampling and collects samples of observed algal blooms reported through the hotline or the website
- » Analyzes samples and tests for toxins

Report a bloom online at <u>www.reportalgalbloom.com</u>, or call the toll-free hotline at 855-305-3903.

Freshwater Algal Bloom Frequently Asked Questions

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

» Addresses fish kill reports and instances of animal endangerment/injury from the blooms

To report a fish kill, contact the Fish Kill Hotline at 800-636-0511.

To report any other wildlife injuries, call FWC's Wildlife Alert at 1-888-404-3922.

» Assists in sampling nearshore marine water

Florida Department of Health

- » Issues health advisories as it deems appropriate in regards to toxicity levels and posts warning signs along public beaches where blooms are present and human exposure is a concern. Typically, local county health departments direct these actions
- » Issues air-quality advisories

To report illnesses or symptoms, contact the Florida Poison Control Center at 1-800-222-1222.

Florida Department of Health Blue-Green Algae Frequently Asked Questions

For information on health advisories, contact your local county health department.

County Governments

- » Issue public beach closures
- » Conduct air-quality monitoring

For beach closures, contact:

Martin County: 772-320-3112

St. Lucie County: 772-229-2850

Palm Beach County

North Palm Beach County (Juno Beach and north): 561-624-0065

South Palm Beach County (Riviera Beach and south): 561-629-8775

Lee County

State park beach closures

Water Management Districts

- » Explore water storage opportunities and direct water flow from Lake Okeechobee
- » Conducts routine sampling and collects samples of observed algal blooms