



NOTICE TO TEA LAKE RESIDENTS

September 2026

The Severn Sound Environmental Association (SSEA) has been monitoring Tea Lake from May through September as part of its ongoing water quality program. During our most recent visit on September 3, 2026, conditions visually consistent with a potential blue-green algae bloom were observed throughout the lake. Blue-green algae blooms can appear and disappear quickly and often move to different areas of the lake depending on wind and weather conditions.

What Residents Should Do

Please treat any discoloured water, surface scum, or accumulations that look like green paint, hair, or grass clippings (see photos below) as a potential blue-green algae bloom.



No algae bloom



Blue-green algae bloom

Please take the following precautions:

- Avoid contact with affected water.
- Keep pets and children away from bloom areas.
- Do not use water from affected areas for drinking or cooking.

SSEA welcomes your observations!

If you see a suspected bloom, please submit it through Smart Water Watch using the QR code or link <https://ee.kobotoolbox.org/x/PYb0z1BG>

See a suspected bloom?

- You can report a suspected bloom to Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) at <https://report-pollution.ene.gov.on.ca/> or 1-866-MOE-TIPS (1-866-663-8477)
- To check if the lake has a confirmed posted Blue Green algae bloom through the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit (SMDHU) click this link [Blue-Green Algae](#)
- For information on the potential health risks associated with blue-green algae blooms, please contact Health Connection at 705-721-7520 or toll-free at 1-877-721-7520



Learn more and view current SSEA monitoring data:
severnsound.ca/resources/fact-sheets/all-about-algae.
severnsound.ca/resources/monitoring-results



Please note: Smart Water Watch is not a public alert system. It is a citizen science program that aims to provide timely information, whenever possible, on changing lake conditions and to help improve our understanding of when, where, and how these conditions occur. SSEA can help assess whether an observation is **visually consistent with a blue-green algae bloom**; however, official reporting, confirmation of suspected blooms and toxin testing are handled by MECP, while public health guidance and notifications are provided by SMDHU.