

# CYANOBACTERIA & ALGAL BLOOMS

## BEFORE YOU JUMP IN

Some algal blooms, especially those with cyanobacteria, can contain toxins that may be harmful to your health. Ingestion (taking in by mouth) and inhalation (breathing in) of these toxins increase your risk for becoming ill.

To reduce your risk, avoid areas where:

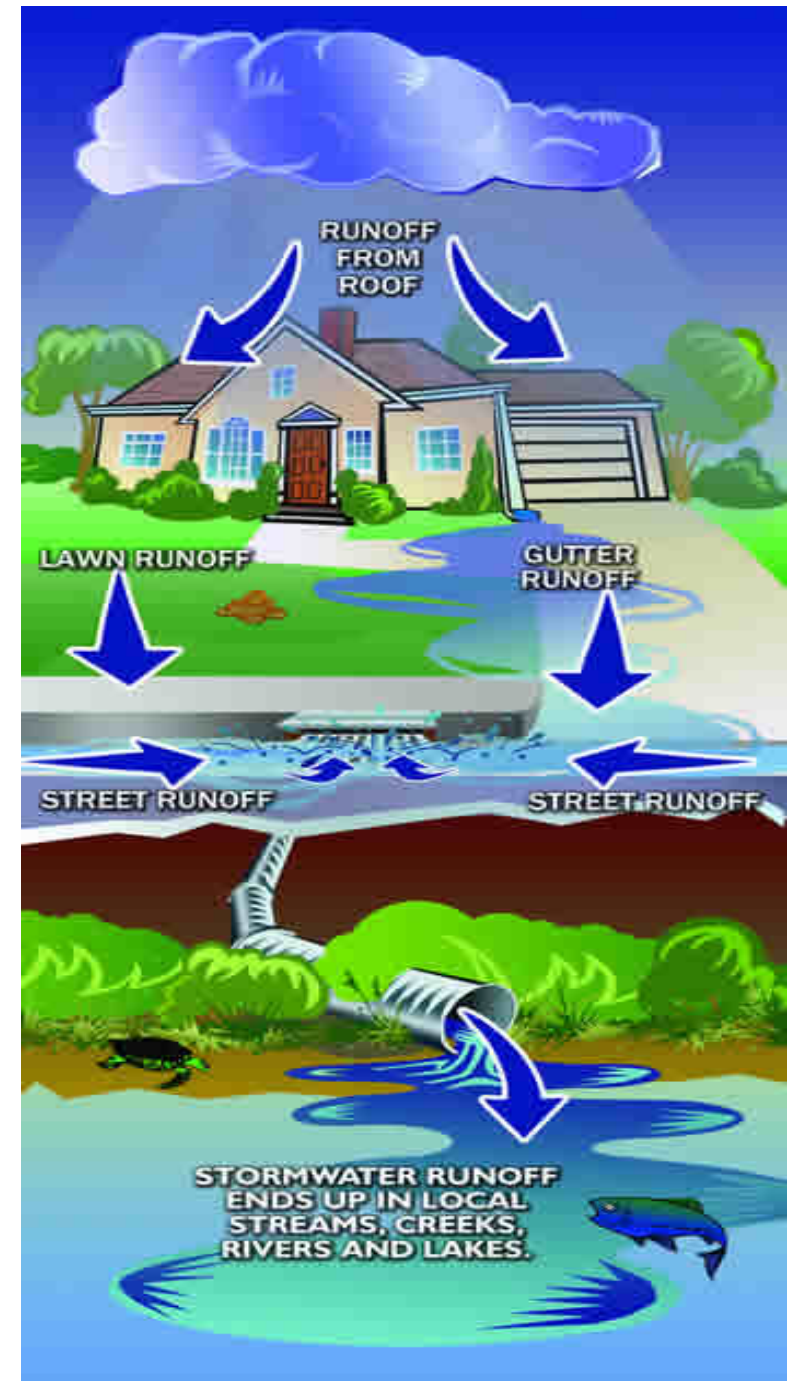
- You can see an algal bloom and/or scums.
- The water is discolored (usually bright green).
- The water looks thick, foamy or scummy.

If you see a bloom, avoid:

- Swimming or bathing in the scum
- Waterskiing or tubing over the scum
- Jet skiing or sail boarding over the scum

Protect yourself by:

- Obeying posted signs and instructions
- Showering after you come ashore
- Learning more online at [www.glerl.noaa.gov/res/Centers/HumanHealth](http://www.glerl.noaa.gov/res/Centers/HumanHealth)



## HELP PREVENT BLOOMS

- **Keep yard waste and clippings out of storm drains!**
- **Keep fertilizers and pesticides out of the lake and storm drains!**
- **Keep the water cool – Keep runoff out of storm drains!**

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