

## News release

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### **Health advisory lifted for Walterville Pond** *Reduced blue-green algae levels and associated toxins confirmed*

A health advisory issued July 27 for Walterville Pond, located five miles east of Springfield off Hwy. 126, was lifted today by the Oregon Health Authority. The advisory was prompted by high levels of blue-green algae found in the pond in the area of Walterville in Lane County.

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

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 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 on Walterville Pond, contact the Eugene Water and Electric Board at 541-685-7471 or 541-341-8500, ext. 2.

For health information, contact the [Harmful Algae Bloom Surveillance \(HABS\) program](#) at 971-673-0400. Also contact the Oregon Public Health toll-free information line at 1-877-290-6767.

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