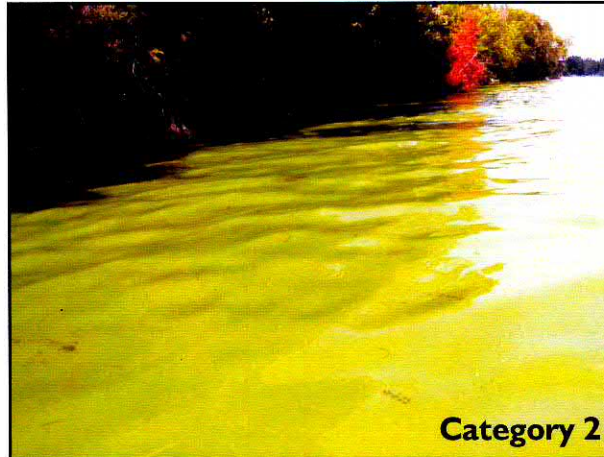


Blue-Green Algae: Get to Know Its True Colours

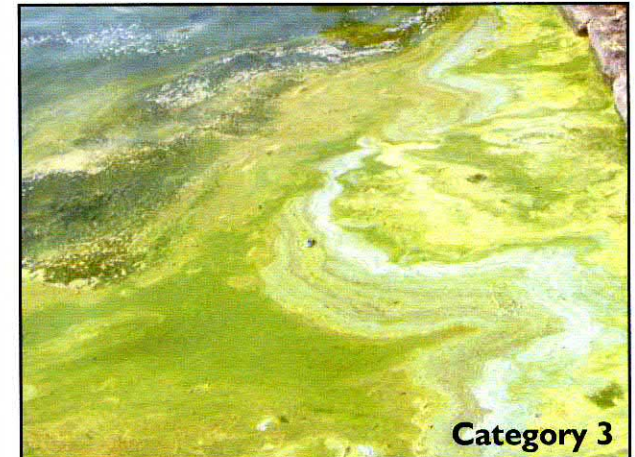
Blue-green algae occurs naturally in area lakes and rivers but it does have potential health risks for people and animals. Learn how to identify it so you can protect yourself and your family.



- water appears cloudy
- should not swim or allow children to play in water
- no health effects at this stage



- Algae may be in balls or flakes in the water, like a pea purée
- do not swim or allow children to play in water
 - do not use the water for drinking, cooking, rinsing foods, or washing dishes
 - do not let pets or livestock drink



- This is a dense bloom and may resemble a paint spill or scum on the water
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WARNING: Do not boil the water as it causes more toxins to be released into the water.