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Report a suspected harmful algal bloom by scanning the QR code with your smart phone's camera or here online here: <https://www.nj.gov/dep/hab/> or call 1-877-WARNDEP (927-6337)

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### What are they?

- Freshwater harmful algal blooms in rivers, streams or lakes are caused by cyanobacteria.
- Cyanobacteria, also sometimes known as blue-green algae, are not true algae. May form dense blooms under suitable environmental conditions: elevated temperatures, high levels of nutrients and calm water.
- Can produce toxins that are dangerous for humans, pets, livestock and wildlife. Toxins are referred to as cyanotoxins.
- Blooms not producing toxins can cause allergic reactions or skin irritation.

### What do they look like?

- May look like blue or green spilled paint, pea soup or parallel streaks
- Contact or ingestion may cause illness - **Avoid it & Report it!**

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