



Florida Health Mission:

To protect, promote
& improve the health
of all people
in Florida through
integrated state, county,
& community efforts.

Rick Scott
Governor

John H. Armstrong, MD, FACS
Surgeon General & Secretary

**Florida Department of Health
Lee County**

Main Office
3920 Michigan Avenue
Fort Myers, FL 33916
www.leechd.com

www.floridahealth.gov
TWITTER: HealthyFLA
FACEBOOK: FLDepartmentofHealth
YOUTUBE: fldoh

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

May 28, 2015

Contact: Diane Holm, PIO
(239) 332-9561
(850) 519-5728 (cell)
Diane.Holm@FLHealth.gov

Florida Department of Health in Lee County
2015:027

HEALTH NOTICE

Harmful algal blooms may be present

Lee County, FL— The Florida Department of Health in Lee County is recommending that the public be cautious before exposing themselves, pets or livestock to the brackish and fresh water of the Caloosahatchee River and its tributaries due to sporadic but potentially harmful algal blooms.

It is recommended not to fish, participate in recreational activities or drink the water if:

- The water appears greenish or off color
- The water smells different
- Dead or distressed animal and aquatic life are present.

Algae may grow in lakes, canals and rivers of the county for the foreseeable future. There are a large number of these fresh water bodies, making it impractical to track the algae conditions in all areas. An advisory will be issued if toxic blooms are identified in public areas.

###

The Department works to protect, promote and improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county and community efforts.

Follow us on Twitter at [@HealthyFla](https://twitter.com/HealthyFla) and on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/HealthyFla). For more information go to <http://www.lee.floridahealth.gov/>.