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## **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN LEE COUNTY ISSUES HEALTH ALERT FOR THE CAPE CORAL-MAKAI CANAL**



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Lee County, Fla. – The Florida Department of Health in Lee County (DOH) is issuing a health alert for the Cape Coral – Makai Canal based on reports of algae toxins found in the canal. When blue-green algae is visible, DOH recommends individuals avoid contact with the water. DEP will continue to post updates for the Cape Coral - Makai Canal on their [website](#).

Blue-green algae can cause gastrointestinal effects if swallowed. Children and pets are especially vulnerable, so keeping them away from the water during a bloom is especially important. Additional information on blue-green algae is available [here](#). If you wish to report a new algae bloom please visit DEP's [Algal Bloom Monitoring & Response](#) webpage. DEP, the five water management districts, DOH, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services all work together to respond to algal blooms. DEP has been closely monitoring and testing algal blooms and will continue to respond to any new reports.

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