ATTENTION SURFERS, SWIMMERS, & ANGLERS: TOXIC ALGAE

IMPACTS OF TOXIC ALGAE

BE ALGAE AWARE:

• Blue-green algae can live in any type of water and may look like foam, scum, or mats on the surface of the water. Booms can be blue, bright green, brown, or red.

• Symptoms of exposure can include abdominal cramps, nausea, diarrhea, vomiting, rash or respiratory irritation.

• Most common exposure is through recreational activities. Avoid areas with fish kills and surface water discoloration.

TAKE ACTION:

• To report an algal bloom near you, call the Florida Department of Environmental Protection’s Bloom Reporting hotline at 1-855-305-3903 or report online at reportalgalbloom.com.

• If algae exposure makes you sick, contact your healthcare provider and county health department right away. Indian River DOH: 772-794-7400, Martin County DOH: 772-221-4000, Palm Beach County DOH: 561-840-4500.

• You can also report incidences of ocean illness to the Surfrider Foundation at https://sickatthebeach.crowdmap.com/

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