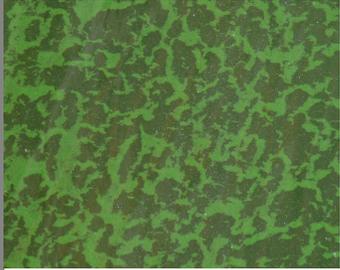




Grenville-sur-la-Rouge

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Do you think you have seen a blue-green algae bloom?

When the density of cyanobacteria (blue-green algae) in the water is so high that it is visible to the naked eye, this is known as a blue-green algae bloom.

How do you recognize blue-green algae bloom?

Algae blooms are generally green or turquoise in colour, although they may sometimes have a reddish, yellow, brown or white tint. They often look like:

- * a thick "soup" of particles resembling peas, broccoli buds or fine grass clippings;
- * a paint spill on the surface of the water, or surface scum that has accumulated in a partially enclosed area;
- * a deposit of scum on the shore. Such deposits may be viscous.

Some algae blooms cover the entire surface of the water, while others may be restricted to a specific area, such as a bay of a lake or a stretch of river.

What should you do if you see a blue-green algae bloom?

Anyone who suspects the presence of blue-green algae bloom is invited to report the situation immediately to the appropriate Ministry (MDDELCC) regional office in one of the following ways:

- * At any time: complete the "Constat Visuel" form (French) (http://www.mddelcc.gouv.qc.ca/eau/eco_aqua/cyanobacteries/formulaire/formulaire.asp) and transmit it to the MDDELCC, either directly online, by fax (450-433-1315) or by E-mail: laurentides@mddelcc.gouv.qc.ca.
- * During office hours: call the MDDELCC regional office (450-433-2220) and ask to speak to the person in charge of blue-green algae bloom (cyanobacteria).
- * Outside of office hours: contact Urgence-Environnement at 1 866-694-5454.

You can also consult the following MSSS (ministry of health) information page for the precautions to take when in the presence of blue-green algae:

<http://www.santé.gouv.qc.ca/en/conseils-et-prevention/algues-bleu-vert/>

The municipality of Grenville-sur-la-Rouge invites you to consult the following documents and videos from the Ministry (MDDELCC).

- 1) Blue-green algae bloom identification guide (French):
http://www.mddelcc.gouv.qc.ca/eau/eco_aqua/cyanobacteries/guide-identif.pdf
- 2) Categories of blue-green algae bloom (French):
<http://www.mddelcc.gouv.qc.ca/eau/algues-bv/categorie-fleur-deau.pdf>
- 3) Blue-green algae bloom: identification, reporting and prevention:
<http://www.mddelcc.gouv.qc.ca/eau/algues-bv/video/video.asp>

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<http://www.mddelcc.gouv.qc.ca>

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