

**Example 4:** Recreational water managers in Wisconsin use a health alert sign to keep people and their pets away from waters that may be affected by cyanobacterial blooms, and to refer people to their local health department or to the state Department of Natural Resources or Department of Health Services for more information.

# HEALTH ALERT

## Toxic blue-green algae may be present in this area.

**Avoid swallowing lake water and do not touch algal scums. Keep pets away from the water.**

**Do not swim in areas where you cannot see your feet in knee-deep water.**



**Be alert!** Avoid water that:

- Looks like pea soup or spilled paint
- Is discolored or has colored streaks
- Has surface scums, mats, or films
- Has green dots or globs floating below the surface

For more information, call your local health department or visit <http://dnr.wi.gov> or <http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov>

