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## **Oregon Public Health lifts advisory for Willow Lake in Jackson County: *Reduced blue-green algae levels confirmed***

A health advisory prompted by high algae levels found in Willow Lake, located 24 miles east of Medford, was lifted today by Oregon Public Health and Jackson County Health Department officials.

The advisory went into effect April 21, 2010.

Water monitoring has confirmed reduced levels of blue-green algae that can produce toxins harmful to humans and animals.

These reduced levels are not likely to be associated with dangerous toxin concentrations in the water, according to World Health Organization guidelines.

Oregon Public Health advises people who recreate in Oregon water bodies to always be alert to signs of algae blooms. People and their pets should avoid water contact if there are visible clumps of algae in the water.

For local information contact Steve Lambert, Jackson County Parks program manager, at 541-774-6303.

For health information, contact the Oregon Public Health Harmful Algae Bloom Surveillance program at 971-673-0400 or [www.healthoregon.org/hab](http://www.healthoregon.org/hab); also contact the Oregon Public Health toll-free information line at 1-877-290-6767.

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