

## News release

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## **Algae advisory lifted for Willow Creek Reservoir**

### ***Oregon Public Health Division confirms reduced blue-green algae levels***

A health advisory prompted by high algae levels found in Willow Creek Reservoir, near Heppner, was lifted today by the Oregon Health Authority's Public Health Division and Morrow County Health Department officials. The advisory went into effect Sept. 7, 2011.

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 health officials advise people who re-create 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 the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Willow Creek Natural Resource Management Office, 541-676-9009.

For health information, contact the 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 Division's toll-free information line at 1-877-290-6767 or Morrow County Health Department at 541-676-5421.

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