



Cyanotoxins—Frequently Asked Questions

Is it safe to cook with the water?

No. If a “Do Not Use” or a “Do Not Drink” order has been issued, use an alternative source of water for food preparation where the water is absorbed (e.g., rice or beans) or consumed (e.g., soup). **Do not boil the water.**

Is it safe to use the water for showering and bathing?

It depends.

If a “Do Not Use” order has been issued, then the water is not safe to use for showering or bathing.

If a “Do Not Drink” order has been issued, bathing, swimming, and showering are safe as long as the water is not ingested.

Do not bathe your pet if the cyanotoxin levels are above the drinking water health advisory levels. Animals may lick their fur and ingest toxins. Closely monitor children when using water for showering or bathing under a “Do Not Drink” advisory.

Is it safe to use the water in a humidifier?

No. If a “Do Not Use” or “Do Not Drink” order has been issued, use distilled or treated water in your humidifier.

Is it safe for my pets to drink the water?

No. If a “Do Not Use” or a “Do Not Drink” order has been issued, the water is not safe for humans or pets to drink.