

BLUE-GREEN ALGAL BLOOM WEEKLY UPDATE

SEPT. 5-SEPT. 11, 2025

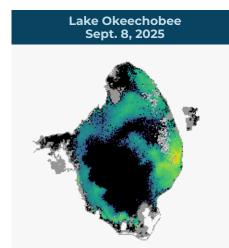
Satellite imagery provided by NOAA - Images are impacted by cloud cover.

A value of 0.004 is nominally equivalent to approximately 20-30 ug/L chlorophyll a of cyanobacteria, and 0.06 would be in the 300-500 ug/L chlorophyll a range.

Please keep in mind that bloom potential is subject to change due to rapidly changing environmental conditions or satellite inconsistencies (i.e., wind, rain, temperature or stage).

Caloosahatchee Estuary
Sept. 8, 2025

The best available satellite imagery for the Caloosahatchee Estuary from 9/8 is partially obscured by cloud cover and shows no bloom potential.



The most recent usable satellite imagery for Lake Okeechobee from 9/8 is partially obscured by cloud cover and shows low to high bloom potential on at least 60% of the lake, with the highest bloom potential along the southeastern shoreline.



The best available satellite imagery for the St. Lucie Estuary from 9/9 is partially obscured by cloud cover and shows no significant bloom potential on visible portions of the estuary.



The best available satellite imagery for the St. Johns River from 9/7 is partially obscured by cloud cover and shows low to moderate bloom potential on approximately 90% of Lake George. Low to moderate bloom potential is visible on the mainstem of the St. Johns River from Lake George downstream to the Jacksonville Naval Air Station and on Doctors Lake.

SUMMARY

There were 27 reported site visits in the past seven days with 27 samples collected. Algal bloom conditions were observed by samplers at 13 of the sites.

On 9/8-9/11 Florida Department of Environmental Protection staff collected 15 Harmful Algal Bloom (HAB) response samples. Dominant algal taxa and cyanotoxin results follow each waterbody name.

Caloosahatchee River — Ulster Canal: No dominant algal taxon; no cyanotoxins detected.

Lake Okeechobee — S308C (lakeside): Microcystis aeruginosa; an estimated 1.1 parts per billion (ppb) of microcystins and a trace level (0.30).

ppb) of cylindrospermopsin detected.

C44 canal — S308C: No dominant algal taxon; no cyanotoxins detected.

M Canal — West of Loxahatchee Groves: No dominant algal taxon; trace levels (0.38 ppb and 0.21 ppb) of microcystins and cylindrospermopsin detected, respectively.

M Canal — Royal Palm Beach Blvd: No dominant algal taxon; trace level (0.15 ppb) of cylindrospermopsin detected.

M Canal — near Lake Mangonia Inflow: Raphidiopsis raciborskii; trace level (0.13 ppb) of cylindrospermopsin detected.

Veterans Memorial Park Pond: Microcystis aeruginosa and Microcystis wesenbergii co-dominant; 3.2 ppb of microcystins detected.

Kell-Aire Lake: *Microcystis aeruginosa*; 8.1 ppb of microcystins detected.

Lake Cherokee — **Northwest Corner**: *Microcystis aeruginosa* and *Raphidiopsis raciborskii* co-dominant; trace level (0.29 ppb) of cylindrospermopsin detected.

Dead Lake — **South Cove**: No dominant algal taxon; no cyanotoxins detected.

Dead Lake - Bull Creek Boat Ramp : No dominant algal taxon; no cyanotoxins detected.

Thomas Lake — **Center**: *Raphidiopsis raciborskii*; trace level (0.15 ppb) of cylindrospermopsin detected.

Lake Crago - by Boat Ramp : No dominant algal taxon; no cyanotoxins detected.

North Lake of C-17 Canal — near Lake Circle: Results pending.

Lake Adair — **South Shore**: Results pending.

On 9/10, South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) staff collected four HAB response samples. Dominant algal taxa and cyanotoxin results follow each waterbody name.

L8 Canal — **CULV10A**: *Microcystis aeruginosa*; trace levels (0.47 ppb and 0.13 ppb) of microcystins and cylindrospermopsin detected, respectively.

Lake Okeechobee — S352: Microcystis aeruginosa; 1.2 ppb microcystins and trace level (0.29 ppb) of cylindrospermopsin detected.

L10 Canal — **S352**: No dominant algal taxon; trace levels (0.79 ppb and 0.23 ppb) of microcystins and cylindrospermopsin detected, respectively.

Lake Okeechobee — **Pahokee Marina**: *Microcystis aeruginosa* and *Pseudanabaena mucicola*; 3.2 ppb microcystins and trace level (0.22 ppb) of cylindrospermopsin detected.

On 9/8–9/11, St. Johns River Water Management District staff collected eight routine HAB monitoring samples. Dominant algal taxa and cyanotoxin results follow each waterbody name.

Lake Yale — **Center**: *Raphidiopsis raciborskii* and *Botryococcus braunii* co-dominant; no cyanotoxins detected.

Stick Marsh — North: No dominant algal taxon; no cyanotoxins detected.

Blue Cypress Lake — **Center**: Dinophyceae; no cyanotoxins detected.

Lake George — Center: Results pending.

Doctors Lake — **Center**: Results pending.

St. Johns River — Mandarin Point: Results pending.

Crescent Lake — mouth of Dunns Creek: Results pending.St. Johns River — Shands Bridge: Results pending.

Last week

On 4/4, SFWMD staff collected four HAB response samples at L8 Canal — CULV10A, C352 (lakeside), L10 Canal — S352 and Pahokee Marina and 13 routine HAB monitoring samples on Lake Okeechobee. Dominant algal taxa and cyanotoxin results follow each waterbody name.

of cylindrospermopsin detected. **Lake Okeechobee** — **S352**: *Microcystis aeruginosa*; 12 ppb microcystins and trace level (0.28 ppb) of cylindrospermopsin detected.

L8 Canal — CULV10A: Microcystis aeruginosa and Planktolyngbya limnetica co-dominant; 4.4 ppb microcystins and trace level (0.33 ppb)

L10 Canal — S352: Microcystis aeruginosa; 2.4 ppb microcystins and trace level (0.21 ppb) of cylindrospermopsin detected.

Lake Okeechobee — Pahokee Marina: Microcystis aeruginosa; 3.0 ppb microcystins and trace level (0.21 ppb) of cylindrospermopsin

detected. **Lake Okeechobee** — **CLV10A**: *Microcystis aeruginosa* and *Planktolyngbya limnetica* co-dominant; 6.4 ppb microcystins and trace level (0.31 ppb) of cylindrospermopsin detected.

Lake Okeechobee — LZ40: Microcystis aeruginosa; 2.2 ppb microcystins and trace level (0.11 ppb) of cylindrospermopsin detected.

Lake Okeechobee — L006: Microcystis aeruginosa; trace level (0.47 ppb) of microcystins detected.

Lake Okeechobee — PALMOUT3: *Microcystis aeruginosa*; trace level (0.60 ppb) of microcystins detected.

Lake Okeechobee — PALMOUT2: *Microcystis aeruginosa*; no cyanotoxins detected.

Lake Okeechobee — PALMOUTI: Planktolyngbya limnetica; trace level (0.13 ppb) of cylindrospermopsin detected.

Lake Okeechobee — PALMOUT: Planktolyngbya limnetica; trace level (0.37 ppb) of cylindrospermopsin detected.

Lake Okeechobee — POLE3S: Microcystis aeruginosa; 0.66 ppb of cylindrospermopsin detected.

Lake Okeechobee — **LZ30**: *Dolichospermum circinale*; trace level (0.14 ppb) of cylindrospermopsin detected.

Lake Okeechobee — LZ25A: No dominant algal taxon; 0.29 ppb of cylindrospermopsin detected.

Lake Okeechobee — L007: No dominant algal taxon; 0.12 ppb of cylindrospermopsin detected.

Lake Okeechobee — **RITTAE2**: No dominant algal taxon; 2.6 ppb of cylindrospermopsin detected.

Lake Okeechobee — **PELBAY3**: *Dolichospermum circinale*; 0.12 ppb of cylindrospermopsin detected. Results for completed analyses are available at <u>FloridaDEP.gov/AlgalBloom</u>.

regardless of species, many types of blue-green algae can produce toxins that can make you or your pets sick if swallowed or possibly cause skin and/or eye irritation due to contact. We advise staying out of water where algae is visibly present as specks or mats or where water is discolored pea-green, blue-green or brownish-red. Additionally, pets or livestock should not come into contact with algal bloom-impacted water or with algal bloom material or fish on the shoreline.

As of Sept. 11, 2025

This is a high-level summary of the sampling events for the reported week. For all field visit and analytical result details, please refer to the complete algal bloom map with data table by clicking the "Field and Lab Details" Quick Link from the Algal Bloom Dashboard. Different types of blue-green algal bloom species can look different and have different impacts. However,



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SITE VISITS FOR BLUE-GREEN ALGAE



To receive personalized

SIGN-UP FOR UPDATES

West (S-79) 250 cfs Constant

0 cfs

East (S-80)

Weekly Inflow

Weekly Outflow

Constant

email notifications
about blue-green algae
and red tide, visit

PROTECTING TOGETHER

<u>ProtectingFloridaTogether.gov.</u>

Florida Poison Control Centers can be reached 24/7 at

HUMAN ILLNESS

REPORT PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUES

WCA3A

can be reached 24/7 at 800-222-1222
(DOH provides grant funding to the Florida Poison Control Centers)

OTHER PUBLIC HEALTH CONCERNS

FloridaHealth.gov/ all-county-locations.html

CONTACT DOH (DOH county office)

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Observe stranded wildlife or a fish kill. Information about red tide

SALTWATER BLOOM

CONTACT FWC 800-636-0511 (fish kills) 888-404-3922 (wildlife Alert)

MyFWC.com/RedTide



Algal Bloom Observed Yes (13)

No (14)



Observe an algal bloom in

a lake or freshwater river.

Information about blue-

green algal blooms.