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Enjoy water but watch for algae

CHAMCOOK LAKE - Enjoy the water this summer but keep an eye out for algae blooms, the provincial Health Department advises. Blue green algae, or cyanobacteria, blooms in the summer when it gets the right water temperature and nutrients. When it dies it produces microcystin toxins, which can cause skin, eye and throat irritation, and more serious effects if consumed, Dr. Eilish Cleary, the province's chief medical officer of health, stated in a public advisory. Young children with skin conditions might be particularly vulnerable. It can kill pets and livestock.

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