

Notice to All Turtle Lake Saskatchewan Residents and Visitors

4:10 pm Friday August 23, 2024 - test results of recent water samples collected at Golden Sands and nearby Indian Point were released by Saskatchewan Public Health.

Golden Sands -The test results showed the presence of the toxin Microcystin, to be at a level slightly below the maximum level of acceptable limits for recreation but above those for drinking. Saskatchewan Public Health precautions remain in effect.


Indian Point – The test results showed the Microcystin levels to be well within acceptable limits for recreation but not for drinking.

Microcystin is a toxin that may be released at high levels by specific algae species during an “algae bloom” like the bloom Turtle Lake has experienced this summer. Additional water tests have been and will continue to be taken to accurately assess the water quality of Turtle Lake.

It is important to understand that changes in temperature, wind, and algae life stages can cause algae blooms to disappear as fast as they appear.

Until further testing shows the water quality to be within Health Canada’s acceptable guidelines at **Golden Sands Beach, Sunset View Beach, and Pelican Shore** the public is advised to follow the Saskatchewan Public Health Guidelines as shown to the right.

Please address questions and requests for additional information to the Saskatchewan Public Health office in North Battleford at **1-888-298-0202**.



CAUTION




TOXIC ALGAE MAY BE PRESENT
Water at this beach may be unsafe
for people and pets.

Until further notice:

- Do not drink the lake water
- Do not swim or water ski in areas where scum is present
- Keep children and pets away from the water
- If exposed, rinse off as soon as possible

Call your doctor or veterinarian if you or your animals have sudden or unexplained sickness or signs of poisoning.

For more information, call Environmental Public Health at 1-888-298-0202 (North Battleford Office)

  
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A public notice from the Turtle Lake Watershed Inc. The TLWI is a Saskatchewan Incorporated Non-Profit entity dedicated to maintaining the ecological health of Turtle Lake so that present and future generations may experience the natural beauty, and recreational opportunities of Turtle Lake just as past generations have experienced.

