

## Resources for Homeowners

**Current Beach and Cyanobacteria Advisories**, and bloom history for a specific lake:

[https://www4.des.state.nh.us/WaterShed\\_BeachMaps/](https://www4.des.state.nh.us/WaterShed_BeachMaps/)



**Cyanobacteria Resources**, including:

- Report a potential bloom.
- Sign up for waterbody-specific updates.
- Sign up for weekly email with all warnings statewide.
- Factsheets and Frequently Asked Questions.

<https://www.des.nh.gov/water/healthy-swimming/harmful-algal-blooms>

**Information on Preventing Cyanobacteria**, including:

- Webinar recordings and other informational resources.
- Statewide cyanobacteria plan.

<https://www.des.nh.gov/water/healthy-swimming/harmful-algal-blooms/cyanobacteria-prevention-and-remediation>

**LakeSmart Program:** A free, voluntary, non-regulatory program run by NH LAKES (an independent non-profit organization that is not a part of the state government). A qualified professional will come to your property and provide advice on ways to live in a lake-friendly way. Homeowners already doing well are recognized with a LakeSmart award. <https://nhlakes.org/lakesmart/>

**Soak Up The Rain:** A free, voluntary, non-regulatory program where NHDES provides technical assistance to homeowners on do-it-yourself projects to reduce stormwater runoff and associated pollution into the lake. Information about the program and about specific actions homeowners can take is at <https://www4.des.state.nh.us/SoakNH/>

**Native plants for shorelands:** <https://nhlakes.org/wp-content/uploads/native-shoreland-plants.pdf>

**Do-It-Yourself step by step guides** to erosion control and stormwater management:

<https://www4.des.state.nh.us/SoakNH/resources-2/diy-fact-sheets/>

**Contact NHDES:** Nisa Marks, Watershed Coordinator: [nisa.m.marks@des.nh.gov](mailto:nisa.m.marks@des.nh.gov) or 603-271-8811. NHDES has additional resources and funding sources for homeowners, lake associations and municipalities interested in taking action to protect or restore lake water quality.