

Crescent Lake Association – Water Quality Group

Spring 2024 Newsletter



Dear Friends of Crescent Lake,

Welcome to Spring! While April showers do bring May flowers, those showers also have the opportunity to deliver unwanted nutrients into our lake, which could eventually be the catalyst behind toxic blooms. NH Lakes has quoted “New Hampshire’s lakes have seen a record number of toxic cyanobacteria blooms for the past four summers. These blooms can produce toxins that make people, pets, and wildlife sick.”

No one wants to see a Cyanobacteria bloom in Crescent Lake as it would change lake life as we know it. Since “the best defense is a good offense” we should all pitch in and do our part.

You may be asking “What can I do?” In previous newsletters, we have sent out a document outlining easy changes each of us could make that would make a *HUGE* impact. We have attached this document here and its titled: *CRESCENT LAKE: WAYS YOU CAN HELP*.

There is ongoing discussion in New Hampshire about Cyanobacteria from all levels of government. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NH DES) is hosting webinars to educate the public regarding this threat to our waters. The next webinar is Wednesday, April 17, 2024 at 12pm. This webinar will delve into actions that homeowners can take to protect lake health and reduce the likelihood of cyanobacteria blooms. If interested, register: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/2878022701531178334>

View previous DES webinars and Cyanobacteria educational videos here and other helpful links below:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLzaaFQKgZ-FioCCxV22Mul9cG3H7qgFnG>

FAQS ON CYANOBACTERIA

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

DES FACT SHEET – CYANOBACTERIA IN NEW HAMPSHIRE WATERS

<https://www.des.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt341/files/documents/2020-01/wmb-10.pdf>

NH Lakes - Cyanobacteria Information

<https://nhlakes.org/cyanobacteria/>

SAVE THE DATE: THE SECOND ANNUAL WATER QUALITY FORUM: JUNE 29, 2024

THANK YOU for your involvement and interest to Protect Crescent Lake!

Prepared by the CLA Water Quality Group. Have Questions? Email: clwaterquality@gmail.com