

## Appendix A – Bathing Beach Inspection Form

### Bathing Beach Inspection Checklist







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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bathing beach has a current permit.</li> </ul>				
<b>Health and Safety in Swimming Areas</b>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Swimming areas are clearly marked with conspicuous buoys or poles spaced not more than one hundred (100) feet apart and separated from no-diving areas by the use of a lifeline placed at the four foot mark.</li> </ul>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bottoms shall be free from holes, steep slopes and sharp objects, and in parts less than five-feet deep shall have a bottom of sand, gravel, stone or other acceptable material to eliminate any unusually turbid (muddy) condition of the bathing water under normal use conditions.</li> </ul>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Water depths in diving areas shall conform to standards outlined in Chapter 3701-31 of the Ohio Administrative Code. (See Diving Requirements)</li> </ul>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The minimum safety equipment at each lifeguard station shall include one ring buoy at least eighteen (18) inches in diameter, attached to at least forty feet (40) of rope, and one rescue tube or rescue buoy. This equipment shall be available at all occupied lifeguard stations.</li> </ul>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All swimming areas shall have a fully equipped backboard with a proper fitting extrication collar, sand bags (or equivalent), blanket and ties, or straps, available at all times.</li> </ul>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All bathing areas shall maintain fully stocked first-aid kit containing, as a minimum, the contents of a twenty-four (24) unit kit as recommended by the American Red Cross, or equivalent, as approved by the Board of Health.</li> </ul>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All equipment and appurtenances shall be maintained in good repair at all times.</li> </ul>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Health and safety rules shall be established by the operator of a bathing area, and these rules shall be posted conspicuously along the bathing area shoreline.</li> </ul>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A telephone, with a posted list of emergency numbers, shall be readily available at all bathing places.</li> </ul>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Night swimming shall only be permitted where adequate artificial lighting is available.</li> </ul>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any person suspected of having an infectious or communicable disease shall not be permitted to use the swimming area. Any person who has been refused entry to a swimming area under this section may be granted such entry upon presentation of a written statement from a physician that the condition is not infectious or communicable.</li> </ul>				

<b>Health and Safety in Beach Areas</b>				
• The beach area shall be kept free of litter, dead fish, broken glass, sharp objects or any other hazardous materials.				
• Refuse containers shall be provided in sufficient numbers to assure that litter or hazardous materials do not accumulate on the beach area.				
<b>Health and Safety in Bathhouse Areas</b>				
• Bathhouses, where provided, shall be constructed in accordance with all applicable state and local building codes and shall contain the required number of fixtures (showers, sinks, toilets, urinals, drinking fountains, etc.).				
• Bathhouses and their appurtenances shall be maintained in good repair and shall be kept thoroughly clean and free from any accumulation of filth, garbage, rubbish or other waste.				
• Disposal of sewage and liquid wastes shall be in a public sanitary sewerage system or by another method approved by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency.				
• All sewage and liquid waste collection systems shall be maintained in a safe and sanitary manner so as not to create a health hazard or nuisance.				
• All water supply systems shall meet the standards of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA). If well water is used, a copy of the current License to Operate (LTO) from OEPA must be submitted with the application, otherwise provide a recent water bill (account numbers may be redacted).				
• All drinking water supplies shall be of adequate quantity and potable quality and the water supply system and equipment shall be maintained in a safe and sanitary manner so as to not create a health hazard.				
<b>Lifeguard Qualifications</b>				
• Must be sixteen (16) years of age or older				
• Must be physically and mentally capable of performing the duties of a lifeguard				
• Must be trained in first-aid and artificial respiration				
• Must have completed a water safety and rescue course such as offered by the American Red Cross				
<b>Lifeguard Requirements at Bathing Areas</b>				
• One or more qualified lifeguards for each three hundred (300) linear feet of occupied bathing area shoreline shall be on duty at all times during open hours.				
• A lifeguard shall be considered on duty when he or she is occupying an elevated lifeguard chair situated so as to provide the lifeguard with a				

clear, unobstructed field of vision of his or her respective territory observation.				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All water surface areas being used by bathers shall be within the field of vision of a qualified, on-duty, lifeguard.</li> </ul>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Where there are one or more lifeguards on duty occupying an elevated lifeguard chair, a walking guard on the shore may also be considered on-duty if he or she is maintaining surveillance for any particular area</li> </ul>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Where diving or sliding in deep water is permitted, a separate, qualified lifeguard shall be on duty and situated so that he or she has a clear, unobstructed field of vision of the diving and/or sliding area.</li> </ul>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>When deep water swimming, outside of diving areas and removed from shore lines and elevated lifeguard stations, is permitted, at least one rescue boat, or rescue board, shall be provided and manned with a qualified lifeguard.</li> </ul>				
<b>Water Quality (Bacteriological Standards)</b>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Periodic sampling of bathing beach waters at bathing areas within the Health District may be required, to determine the bacteriological quality of the water.</li> </ul>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The acceptability of bathing beach waters shall be based on the following bacteriological criteria: the fecal coliform count (either MPN or MF count) shall not exceed 200 per 100 milliliters as a monthly geometric mean based on not less than five samples per month, nor shall it exceed 400 per 100 milliliters in more than ten percent of all samples taken during the month.</li> </ul>				
<b>Records</b>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Personnel file of each qualified lifeguard including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Record of physical examination (if so required);</li> <li>Record of pre-employment skill test (if so required);</li> <li>Record of in-service training (if so required); and</li> <li>Record of American Red Cross or equivalent water safety, life-saving, first-aid, CPR, rescue, etc., courses and certificates of successful completion of said courses.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Each bathing area shall maintain at all times a complete record of all accidents, inquiries or rescues and of all cases where first-aid treatment was provided by a qualified lifeguard. These records shall be available to Summit County Health Department personnel and appropriate local law enforcement authorities upon request.</li> </ul>				

# Beach Advisory Signs & Forms

Advisory signs should be of sufficient size to be easily read and posted in a conspicuous location to be easily seen, preferably near all commonly used entrances and at other places of congregation at the beach (e.g., rest rooms, changing areas, lifeguard stations, etc.). Signs should be readily available at all times in the event a posting is suggested or required.

<p><b>Bacteria Water Quality Advisory</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The single sample maximum for E. coli bacteria content is 235 colony forming units (cfu) per 100mL of water tested.</li> </ul>	 <p><b>ATTENTION BEACH PATRONS !</b></p> <p>A WATER QUALITY ADVISORY HAS BEEN ISSUED FOR THIS BEACH BECAUSE BACTERIA LEVELS CURRENTLY EXCEED STATE STANDARDS</p> <p>Summit County Public Health asks that the following individuals refrain from swimming:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children,</li> <li>• Elderly,</li> <li>• Anyone who is ill</li> <li>• Anyone who has a weakened immune system</li> </ul> <p><small>Beach water can become contaminated with germs originating from pet feces, animal manure, storm water, and combined sewer overflow (CSO), Septic, and agricultural runoff. Understanding water quality and water system, including water treatment processes, is essential to ensuring water quality and public health.</small></p> <p><small>The most common illness associated with swimming in contaminated water is gastroenteritis. Other symptoms include respiratory infections, skin rashes, and allergic reactions. Other illnesses associated with swimming in contaminated water include allergic reactions, conjunctivitis, and diarrhea, as well as ear, nose, and throat infections.</small></p> <p><small>Do not drink. Avoid contact with children, pregnant women, nursing women, those with certain medical conditions, and pets. Do not swallow water. Do not swallow water. Do not swallow water. Do not swallow water. Do not swallow water. Do not swallow water. Do not swallow water. Do not swallow water. Do not swallow water. Do not swallow water. Do not swallow water.</small></p> <p><small>Summit County Public Health   107 West Main Street, Akron, OH 44301   Phone: 330.246.5000   Fax: 330.246.5001   T: 800.421.0700   www.scpbh.org</small></p>
<p><b>Harmful Algal Bloom General Sign</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Shall be posted at beaches and boat ramps. The white sign describes what a harmful algal bloom looks like and advises that people be on the alert and avoid them.</li> <li>- Used when satellite images indicate blooms.</li> </ul>	 <p><b>Have fun on the water, but know that blue-green algae are in many Ohio lakes. Their toxins may be, too.</b></p> <p><b>Be Alert! Avoid water that:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• looks like spilled paint</li> <li>• has surface scums, mats or films</li> <li>• is discolored or has colored streaks</li> <li>• has green globs floating below the surface</li> </ul>  <p><b>Avoid swallowing lake water.</b></p> <p>For more information, visit <a href="http://ohioalgaefo.com">ohioalgaefo.com</a> or call 1-866-644-6224.</p>
<p><b>Harmful Algal Bloom Orange Warning Sign (<i>Discontinued by OEPA and replaced with red and green Recreational Public Health Advisory signs</i>)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Shall be posted when a HAB is visually confirmed. It indicates that an algal bloom has been detected, and that swimming and wading are not recommended for children, pregnant or nursing women, those with certain medical conditions and pets.</li> </ul>	 <p><b>WARNING</b></p> <p>AN ALGAL BLOOM IS PRESENT AND/OR ALGAL TOXINS HAVE BEEN DETECTED. SWIMMING AND WADING ARE NOT RECOMMENDED FOR:</p> <p>CHILDREN, PREGNANT OR NURSING WOMEN, THOSE WITH CERTAIN MEDICAL CONDITIONS AND PETS.</p> <p>FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO: <a href="http://WWW.OHIOALGAEFOS.COM">WWW.OHIOALGAEFOS.COM</a> OR CALL 1-866-644-6224</p>
<p><b>Harmful Algal Bloom Recreational Caution</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A Blue Recreational Caution sign will be added to the white sign when a HAB is visually confirmed. It indicates that an algal bloom has been visually detected, and that samples have been collected and are pending laboratory analysis for cyanotoxins.</li> </ul>	 <p><b>CAUTION</b></p> <p>A POSSIBLE ALGAL BLOOM MAY BE AT THE BEACH</p> <p>HAS TESTED THE WATER</p> <p>LAB RESULTS PENDING</p> <p>FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO: <a href="http://WWW.OHIOALGAEFOS.COM">WWW.OHIOALGAEFOS.COM</a> OR CALL 1-866-644-6224</p>
<p><b>Harmful Algal Bloom Recreational Public Health Advisory</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A red sign will be added to the white sign when HAB toxin levels are equal to or exceed a Recreational Public Health Advisory threshold. It advises that algal toxins at unsafe levels have been detected and to avoid all contact with the water.</li> <li>- A safety-green caution sign will be added to the white sign at boat ramps when a red sign is posted at a beach. It advises boaters that is a HAB confirmed at a beach and may be present in other areas of the lake.</li> </ul>	 <p><b>DANGER</b></p> <p>AVOID ALL CONTACT WITH WATER</p> <p>ALGAL TOXINS HAVE BEEN FOUND AT UNSAFE LEVELS</p> <p>SWIMMING AND WADING ARE NOT RECOMMENDED</p> <p>KEEP PETS AWAY</p> <p>FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO: <a href="http://WWW.OHIOALGAEFOS.COM">WWW.OHIOALGAEFOS.COM</a> OR CALL 1-866-644-6224</p> <p><b>CAUTION</b></p> <p>DANGEROUS ALGAL TOXINS HAVE BEEN FOUND ALONG THE BEACH AND MAY BE PRESENT IN OTHER AREAS OF THE LAKE</p> <p>AVOID SWALLOWING WATER AND KEEP PETS AWAY FROM ALGAE</p> <p>FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO: <a href="http://WWW.OHIOALGAEFOS.COM">WWW.OHIOALGAEFOS.COM</a> OR CALL 1-866-644-6224</p>

## Ohio EPA Bloom Report Form

- Shall be completed and submitted if you see surface scum or something that looks like blue-green algae.

Bloom Report Form	
<p>Please fill out this form if you observe a bloom of cyanobacteria (blue-green algae) or other harmful algal bloom (HAB) in a public water supply or recreational water body. This information is used to monitor and manage water quality and protect public health. Please print clearly and legibly. For more information, visit <a href="http://www.epa.gov/bloomreport">www.epa.gov/bloomreport</a>.</p>	
<p><b>Reporting Information</b></p> <p>Name: _____ Date Reported: ____/____/____</p> <p>Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____</p> <p>Phone: _____ Email: _____</p> <p>Organization: _____</p>	
<p><b>Bloom Information</b></p> <p>Location: _____</p> <p>Coordinates: _____</p> <p>Water Body: _____</p> <p>Water Type: _____</p> <p>Water Use: _____</p> <p>Water Temperature: _____</p> <p>Water Color: _____</p> <p>Water Turbidity: _____</p> <p>Water pH: _____</p> <p>Water Conductivity: _____</p> <p>Water Dissolved Oxygen: _____</p> <p>Water Total Phosphorus: _____</p> <p>Water Total Nitrogen: _____</p> <p>Water Ammonia Nitrogen: _____</p> <p>Water Chlorophyll a: _____</p> <p>Water Chlorophyll b: _____</p> <p>Water Chlorophyll c: _____</p> <p>Water Chlorophyll d: _____</p> <p>Water Chlorophyll e: _____</p> <p>Water Chlorophyll f: _____</p> <p>Water Chlorophyll g: _____</p> <p>Water Chlorophyll h: _____</p> <p>Water Chlorophyll i: _____</p> <p>Water Chlorophyll j: _____</p> <p>Water Chlorophyll k: _____</p> <p>Water Chlorophyll l: _____</p> <p>Water Chlorophyll m: _____</p> <p>Water Chlorophyll n: _____</p> <p>Water Chlorophyll o: _____</p> <p>Water Chlorophyll p: _____</p> <p>Water Chlorophyll q: _____</p> <p>Water Chlorophyll r: _____</p> <p>Water Chlorophyll s: _____</p> <p>Water Chlorophyll t: _____</p> <p>Water Chlorophyll u: _____</p> <p>Water Chlorophyll v: _____</p> <p>Water Chlorophyll w: _____</p> <p>Water Chlorophyll x: _____</p> <p>Water Chlorophyll y: _____</p> <p>Water Chlorophyll z: _____</p>	
<p><b>Observations</b></p> <p>Describe the bloom: _____</p> <p>Color: _____</p> <p>Texture: _____</p> <p>Odor: _____</p> <p>Other: _____</p>	
<p><b>Additional Information</b></p> <p>Have you observed a bloom of cyanobacteria or other HAB in this area before? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If yes, when? _____</p> <p>What actions were taken? _____</p> <p>Have you observed a bloom of cyanobacteria or other HAB in another area? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If yes, where? _____</p> <p>What actions were taken? _____</p> <p>Have you observed a bloom of cyanobacteria or other HAB in a nearby area? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If yes, where? _____</p> <p>What actions were taken? _____</p> <p>Have you observed a bloom of cyanobacteria or other HAB in a distant area? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If yes, where? _____</p> <p>What actions were taken? _____</p>	

## Beach Regulations

- Health and safety rules shall be established by the operator of a bathing area, and these rules shall be posted conspicuously along the bathing area shoreline.
- Example signage of rules that shall be posted at bathing beaches.

### NOTICE

### BEACH REGULATIONS

- The beach water is not suitable for drinking, except overlying beach areas.
- Adherence to the beach map is required for all persons having any orthopedic, chronic, infectious conditions such as asthma, heart, respiratory, foot infections, skin lesions, diabetes, kidney, cholesterol, arthritis, related eye, ear, discharge, or any other condition which has the appearance of being infectious. Persons with visible sores, rashes, abrasions, cuts, lacerations, or other open wounds, or other conditions which require bandaging, or other bandaging of any kind, shall be prohibited from entering the bathing area.
- Littering is prohibited. No smoking, no food, drink, gum or tobacco is allowed in the water. Glass containers are prohibited throughout the beach area.
- All children who are not toilet trained should wear tight fitting rubber or plastic pants. No one should swim alone.
- Persons under the age of 6 should be accompanied by a responsible person 16 years of age or older unless a lifeguard is present.
- Personal conduct within the beach map is such that safety is not jeopardized.
- Diving in shallow water is not permitted.
- Caution shall be exercised in the use of diving facilities.
- Feeding of wildlife or other animals that encourage their presence is prohibited, including a go-moose parked after the last lightning's coverage.
- No pets are permitted in the beach area.
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- Patrons are encouraged to protect themselves from sun exposure.


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