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Protect Your Community from Harmful Algal Blooms

Assemblyman Matt Slater is leading the fight to protect the Hudson Valley's environment

Know it, Avoid it, Report it.

Harmful Algal Blooms (“HABs”) are the rapid growth of algae or bacteria in freshwater lakes, ponds, rivers and streams that can harm people, animals and the environment. When algal blooms grow out of control, they produce toxic or harmful effects that can make you or your pets sick. Stay away from the water if it looks discolored, has scum or smells bad. Assemblyman Slater helped sponsor legislation classifying HABs as a water contaminant and sponsored the Harmful Algal Bloom Monitoring and Prevention Act.¹

HABS ACTION CHECKLIST:

- Avoid contact and never drink the water
- Take a close up picture and email to HABsInfo@dec.ny.gov.
- Call your County Health Department

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Assemblyman Slater helped deliver:

- \$500 million for clean water investments
- \$400 million to replenish the Environmental Protect Fund
- Expansion of the state food donation program
- Ban on the pesticide use in freshwater wetlands

¹ A.8867

² A.8804-D

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