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HEALTH OFFICIALS IN PALM BEACH COUNTY ADVISE OF BACTERIAL CONTAMINATION IN MULTIPLE LAKE WORTH BEACH, FL WATER BODIES



Surface Water Bodies Impacted by Sewage Spill

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Palm Beach County, Fla. — Due to a recent wastewater incident near the intersection of the L-10 Canal and Florida Mango Rd, approximately ¼ mile north of 10th Ave N in Lake Worth Beach, FL, the Florida Department of Health in Palm Beach County is issuing a health alert, no swim advisory, and no irrigation from these waterways to residents and visitors near the area for the surface water bodies listed below. **Drinking water is not affected.**

- Lake Clarke and Lake Clarke Shores
- L-10 Canal
- L-9 Canal
- Grassy Saw Lake
- Lake Osborne
- C-51/West Palm Beach Canal
- Canal between Waterway Drive & W. Lake Drive
- Canal between W. Lake Drive and Pine Tree Lane
- Keller Canal
- Other nearby surface water bodies connected to the above listed water bodies.

Until further information is known regarding possible bacterial contamination, residents and visitors in the area are urged to take precautions when in contact with the above waterways in Palm Beach County. The City of Lake Worth Beach is coordinating testing and cleanup actions with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

Water contaminated with elevated fecal bacteria presents several health risks to humans. Microbes in fecal bacteria could cause gastrointestinal issues and other conditions.

Anyone who comes into contact with the water in this area should wash thoroughly, especially before eating or drinking. Children and older adults, as well as people with weakened immune systems are particularly vulnerable to disease, so every precaution should be taken if needed.

For more information about the potential health effects of wastewater overflow, Floridians are encouraged to contact DOH-Palm Beach at 561-837-5900 or chd50contactus@flhealth.gov.

For information about the status of ongoing sampling and water quality monitoring/cleanup efforts, please contact the Florida Department of Environmental Protection at (561) 681-6600.

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