
RESTORE BADIN LAKE

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I Joined the Journey! How about you?



Did You Know

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- There are 4 categories of drought: **Abnormal, Moderate, Severe and Extreme.**
 - 88 of the 100 counties in NC are listed in one of the 4 categories
 - The Yadkin River supplies the water for Badin Lake.
 - The Yadkin River's source of water are groundwater and rain, both of which have been stressed since 2025.
 - The Yadkin River flows through 8 counties above Tuckertown and Badin. Two are considered **Abnormal**, 3 are **Moderate** and 3 are **Severe**.
 - **This data is accurate as of September 15th.**

Message from the President

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The 2026 algae treatment season concluded in September. Despite the challenges created by changing lake levels, treatment efforts were maximized throughout the year.

Treatments were conducted in April and May while the lake was high, followed by additional treatments as water levels changed and previously exposed areas were covered again.

This approach, along with six treatments of areas that remained underwater, helped reduce visible algae blooms and floating algae compared with previous years.

Our annual survey will be conducted in October. Please watch your email and take a few minutes to share your thoughts about the algae treatment program. Your feedback is important as we plan for next year.

The Board and Officers sincerely thank all of the residents who have supported the program financially and encouraged us with their comments. We also extend our appreciation to our Corporate Partners for their continued support of property owners, lake enthusiasts, and the entire Badin Lake community.

Thank you for Joining the Journey!
Wishing everyone a wonderful, colorful, and cooler fall and holiday season. We look forward to preparing for our spring treatments.

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Black Mat Algae: What Badin Lake Residents Should Know

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What Residents Should Know as We Head into Fall and Winter

With Badin Lake experiencing low water levels and an extended period of hot weather into late summer and early fall, black mat algae may be appearing in areas where it has not been seen before.

Understanding the difference between active bottom growth and floating mats can help residents know what to look for and how they can help.

Why This Matters

Our treatment program is focused on areas where black mat algae is actively growing along the lake bottom.

These areas are identified, monitored, and mapped so treatment can be directed where it can have the greatest impact.

Because floating mats may have originated somewhere else, we do not simply spray every floating mat that appears. Instead, treatment is focused on known areas of active bottom growth.

That is why identifying new areas where black mat algae is growing on the lake bottom is so important. Reports from residents can help us identify and track these areas and determine where future monitoring and treatment may be needed.

Please Help Us Prevent the Spread

Boats and jet skis can disturb algae mats and potentially move algae material to other parts of the lake.

Whenever possible, please steer around visible mats and known black mat algae areas rather than driving through them.

See Something? Say Something!

Have you noticed black mat algae in an area where you haven't seen it before?

Please report it at:

<https://www.restorebadinlake.org/contact/>

Accurate reports from residents help us better understand where black mat algae is growing, improve our monitoring efforts, and direct future treatments where it is most needed.

Together, we can help protect Badin Lake. Thank you for helping us monitor, maintain, and care for our lake.

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Black Mat Algae: What Badin Lake Residents Should Know Cont.

What Can You Do This Winter?

Although the 2026 treatment season is wrapping up, residents can still help maintain their shorelines during the winter months.

Where practical:

- Remove loose sticks, branches, and other debris from the shoreline.
- When it can be done safely, carefully rake small, accessible accumulations of black mat algae from shallow shoreline areas.
- Wear waterproof gloves and protective clothing and avoid unnecessary skin contact.
- Keep children and pets away from collected algae.
- Rake slowly and carefully to remove the material in larger masses rather than breaking it into smaller pieces.
- Do not return collected algae to the lake.
- Bag or securely contain collected material and dispose of it according to local solid-waste requirements.

Safety should always come first. Do not enter the water or attempt to remove algae in areas where conditions are unsafe.

We Thank Our Corporate Partners

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