

Understanding Your Lake

“Algae Problem Or Resolved Issue?”



If you live on a lake in South Florida, you’ve probably encountered scenes like the ones pictured above (especially in summer months). “It’s unsightly. It’s a mess. I called about this before. Why hasn’t anyone done anything?” Although neither picture represents a desirable situation they are very different. The picture on the left represents a legitimate algae concern. The picture on the right is actually what the previous picture would look like after it has been treated. Algae are very simple plants and by nature are able to reproduce and grow very quickly. This is why blooms can seemingly show up overnight. Allstate has over 20 years of aquatic management experience and our applicators have a proven track record in dealing with nuisance algal growth. The misunderstanding of algae management often occurs AFTER it has been treated. Even though the accumulated mass of algae may have responded to treatment it still requires time to decompose and sink. The mats are naturally buoyant, and decomposition can create gas bubbles that become trapped under them, keeping them afloat. Once an applicator has treated an algal bloom it’s up to Mother Nature to finish the job. The only option for instant gratification is manual removal of the dead mats. While this is an option, it can be costly due to its time consuming nature and fees associated with disposal of collected material. This service is available, but not typically included in a standard contract. Dispatching applicators to treat material that is already dead keeps them from addressing other issues in your lakes. Your observations of the situation are extremely important in helping us address your lake issues efficiently. Algae requiring treatment will typically be bright or vivid green in color, and float high on the water. Already treated algae will be dull brown or tan, similar in color to cardboard or a paper bag. Treated algae will also sit lower in the water and portions of the mat may even be sinking. Allstate Resource Management takes pride in our commitment to customer satisfaction. We will always respond to your concerns and strive to help you better understand your lake and our role in its care.