



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
WATER TESTING RESULTS: WEEK OF AUGUST 19, 2024

Concerned Citizens of Montauk (CCOM) partners with the Surfrider Foundation Eastern Long Island Chapter and Peconic Baykeeper to monitor East End water bodies for the bacteria enterococcus. CCOM tests locations in Montauk, Amagansett, and East Hampton, processes the water samples in the CCOM office lab and shares the results with the public through press releases and the Surfrider Foundation’s Blue Water Task Force (BWTF) online portal. Entero levels at 104 and above are considered a risk to human health. High levels are often due to heavy rains, extreme high tides, and/or warm water temperatures. Levels <10 are considered below the detection limit of the test. *Intensive monitoring and/or remediation projects are planned or in place at the locations marked with an asterisk (*)*.

LOCATION	ENTERO LEVEL	INDICATION OF
MONTAUK		
Lake Montauk: Harbor*	1,201	High Bacteria
Lake Montauk: Causeway South*	17,329	High Bacteria
Lake Montauk: Little Reed Pond Creek*	7,270	High Bacteria
Lake Montauk: Nature Preserve Beach*	1,187	High Bacteria
Lake Montauk: East Creek*	>24,196	High Bacteria
Lake Montauk: South Beach*	644	High Bacteria
Lake Montauk: West Creek	393	High Bacteria
Lake Montauk: Stepping Stones*	3,873	High Bacteria
Lake Montauk: Benson Dr. Culvert	>24,196	High Bacteria
Ditch Plains: East of Jetty	309	High Bacteria
Surfside Place: Beach	839	High Bacteria
Surfside Place: Outfall Pipe*	>24,196	High Bacteria
Fort Pond: Industrial*	657	High Bacteria
Fort Pond: Ramp*	723	High Bacteria
Tuthill Pond	583	High Bacteria
LI Sound: Fort Pond Bay, Tuthill Rd.	120	Hgh Bacteria
LI Sound: Fort Pond Bay, Navy Rd.	52	Medium Bacteria
LI Sound: Soundview Drive Beach	20	Low Bacteria
LI Sound: Soundview Drive Culvert	2,613	High Bacteria
AMAGANSETT		
Napeague Harbor: East	20	Low Bacteria
Napeague Harbor: West	5,172	High Bacteria
Fresh Pond: Beach*	279	High Bacteria
Fresh Pond: Creek*	110	High Bacteria
EAST HAMPTON		
Accabonac Harbor: Louse Point Beach	145	High Bacteria
Accabonac Harbor: Shipyard Ramp*	>24,196	High Bacteria
Accabonac Harbor: Landing Lane	723	High Bacteria
Three Mile Harbor: Folkstone Drive	794	High Bacteria
Three Mile Harbor: Head of the Harbor*	1,100	High Bacteria
Three Mile Harbor: Settler’s Landing	708	High Bacteria
Northwest Creek: Ramp	12,997	High Bacteria
Northwest Creek: Culvert	1,785	High Bacteria

Enterococcus (MPN/100mL) - Based on water quality standards set by New York State Department of Health
Low Bacteria (0 - 35); Medium Bacteria (36 - 104); High Bacteria (> 104)



HARMFUL ALGAL BLOOMS

Concerned Citizens of Montauk (CCOM), in partnership with the Gobler Lab at Stony Brook Southampton, monitors Fort Pond and Big Reed Pond for toxic blue-green algal blooms (cyanobacteria). CCOM delivers samples to the Lab, which shares bloom occurrences online through the NYS DEC HAB Notification page. Blue-green levels at **20ug/L** and above are at high risk of a bloom and trigger toxicity testing; DEC considers a concentration of **25ug/L** and above as a bloom.

DATE	LOCATION	BLOOM STATUS	BLUE-GREEN LEVEL	INDICATION OF
7/29/2024	Fort Pond: Industrial	Not Present	23.25 ug/L	High Risk
7/29/2024	Fort Pond: Ramp	Bloom Present	25.42 25 ug/L	High Risk
8/5/2024	Fort Pond: Industrial	Not Present	20.74 ug/L	High Risk
8/5/2024	Fort Pond: Ramp	Bloom Present	34.98 25 ug/L	High Risk
8/12/2024	Fort Pond: Industrial	Bloom Present	29.66 ug/L	High Risk
8/12/2024	Fort Pond: Ramp	Bloom Present	43.63 ug/L*	High Risk
8/19/2024	Fort Pond: Industrial	TBD	TBD	TBD
8/19/2024	Fort Pond: Ramp	TBD	TBD	TBD

*Exact results could be delayed for up to 14 days.

To learn more about CCOM's water quality programs, please visit the website at <https://www.preservemontauk.org/media/water-testing-results/>