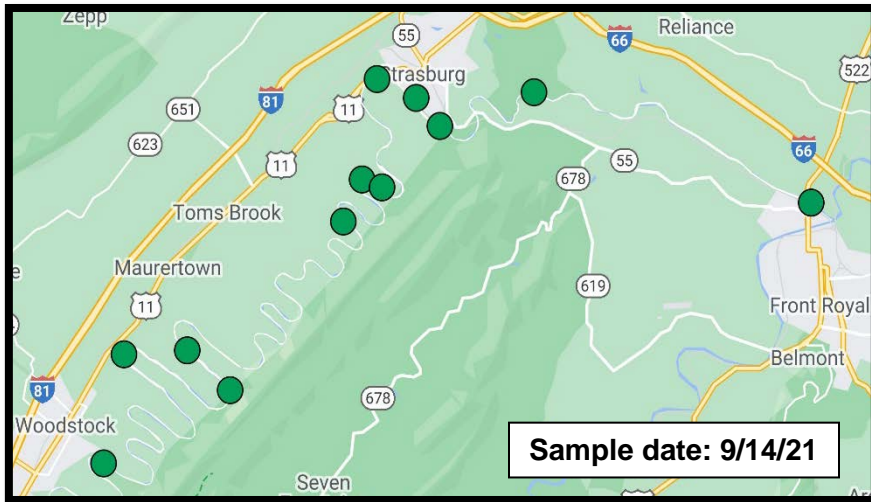


# NF Shenandoah River - Harmful Algae Bloom (HAB) Status Report

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● No harmful algal mats detected

## HELPFUL TIP:

Visit [www.SwimHealthyVa.com](http://www.SwimHealthyVa.com) and click on the Harmful Algae Bloom Map to review sample results near you!

Expand the map using the symbol in the upper right hand map title bar, then click on the magnifying glass. You can search my location name or address!

The advisory for the North Fork Shenandoah River has been lifted due to weekly observations at sites along the river since mid-August which indicate the dissipation of algal mats, in addition to water samples at 6 sites (Deer Rapids, Lupton Rd, Artz Rd Strasburg Park, and Riverton Rd) on Sept 14 which indicated cyanobacteria and toxins were at acceptable contact levels. Weather and other environmental factors can cause rapid changes in the water quality and algal mats which have dissipated can return if conditions are favorable to support algal growth. People and pets should avoid contact and accidental ingestion of algal mats (should they reappear) within this area of the river.

**Drinking water remains safe to drink and use in Woodstock, Strasburg, and Winchester.**

## When in Doubt, Stay Out!

**Avoid swimming, wading, or letting your children or pets play in bodies of water that:**

- Smells bad
- Looks discolored
- Contains scum or algal mats are wide-spread along the surface or bottom of the waterbody

## BE AWARE of Harmful Algae Blooms

Water quality is tested to determine if health risks may be present.

During an algae bloom, water may have surface scum, mats, or films with red, green, white streaks, or glops.



**For more information or to report an algae bloom visit [www.SwimHealthyVA.com](http://www.SwimHealthyVA.com)**

**To report a HAB-related illness contact the HAB Hotline at 888-238-6154.**

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