



Aquatic Weed Control, Inc.

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Newsletter

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“A” is for Aggressive Algae

This has been the driest year for Florida since the 1930's. The rain will come back and when it does, it will set off a state wide algae bloom.

The rains will wash months of unwanted nutrient buildup into ponds from streets, parking lots, roof tops, and lawns. These nutrients will accelerate weed growth. Algae molecules are in every pond just waiting to be fed and these rains will supply a large dose of nutrients. The first few weeks will be the worse.

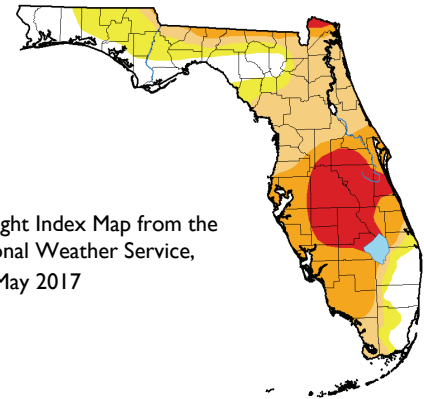
- Algae likes full sun and hot months
- They form nets and webs of vegetation
- It can double in size every 4 hours. One day you can have a clean waterway and the next day algae can appear and aggressively spread within hours.
- If allowed to spread over the pond, it can reduce the oxygen levels in the water and cause fish to go into shock and some could die.

We recommend the following preventive measures.

- When the rains begin again and you feel like you need to fertilize the grass, we recommend you use a phosphorus free variety and do not fertilize within 10 feet of the shoreline. Rain can wash the fertilizer into the water and that feeds unwanted growth.
- Do not blow grass clippings near or into the water where they can put nutrients into the water. If you are using a lawn service, please communicate these points to them.
- Planting desired Native plants along shorelines can help reduce nutrients getting into the water. Since they are along the shoreline, they are the first to soak in the nutrients before they can get to unwanted seedlings and algae. They will provide a landscaped look while working to prevent unwanted growth.

There is no way to prevent algae from growing completely, but a team effort with us, your landscaper, native plants and Mother Nature, will help to keep it at bay.

A = Aquatic Weed Control is Always Alert to Aggressive Algae!



Drought Index Map from the National Weather Service, mid-May 2017



Row, row, row our boat
Gently down your stream.

Merrily, merrily, merrily, merrily
Weeds are what we clean.

