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Growing Like A Weed – Algae!

If it is unwanted and grows like a weed, it's probably a weed or ALGAE. It is that time of the year when the water is warm and the hot sunlight acts as an accelerant for algae to grow aggressively.

With all the rain, the water levels in a lot of the ponds are way up. So much so, that the lawn grasses are underwater. This kills the grass and releases unwanted nutrients which causes algae.

A -Algae are primitive plants that are common throughout Florida. It converts the sun's energy into a foam that is useful to other aquatic life, but destroys the natural beauty of a waterway.

L -Landscapers can help to control algae. We recommend the following preventive measures.

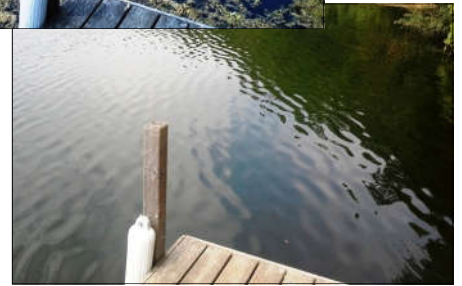
- If you hire a service or you are doing your own fertilizing, we recommend you use a phosphorus free variety and do not fertilize within 10 feet of the shoreline. Rain can wash the fertilizer into the water and that feeds any unwanted growth.
- Do not blow grass clippings near or into the water where they can put nutrients into the water. If you are using a lawn service, please communicate these points to them.

G -Growth can be accelerated when nutrients get into the water from rain water that runs off roads and streets and drains into waterways. Yard debris that blows in or is washed into the water is also a main cause. If not treated, it can reduce the oxygen levels in the water and cause fish to go into shock and some could die.

A -Algae likes full sun and hot summer months in ponds. It forms nets and webs of vegetation. Algae 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.

E -Effective ways of treating algae are herbicide treatments by a trained technician, who can size up the situation and determine the proper treatment. Once a treatment is applied, you will see the effect within 5-7 days. Blue Tilapia like to eat algae, too.

Algae grows like a weed and that is why we are Aquatic WEED Control, and proud to be of service for over 29 years!



Planting Native Plants can help reduce Algae

Planting desired native plants along the shoreline can help reduce the nutrients that get into the water and feed the algae. They can also provide shade that slows down the growth of algae and provides a habitat for fish and wildlife. Plants like Pickerelweed, Arrowhead, Cordgrass, Bulrush and Canna. They can also add a landscaped or natural look to your shoreline. We specialize in native plantings. Call for a free estimate.

