

Press Release

Status of Pewaukee Beach (Lakefront Park, Village of Pewaukee, WI)

The beach at Lakefront Park in the Village of Pewaukee is currently closed.

Pewaukee, WI:

The beach at Lakefront Park has been closed since June 24, 2010 due to high levels of E-coli bacteria. The Park/Recreation Department provides water samples of the beach to Waukesha County for testing. Testing has occurred every day except Sunday June 27th and levels of E-coli are still too high to open the beach to public swimming.

According to the Department of Natural Resources, sources of E-coli bacteria can be agricultural runoff, urban storm water and sewage overflows. Also, wildlife and waterfowl feces can contribute to the presence of E-coli.

Although the direct cause of the bacteria cannot be determined at this time, the Village has received confirmation from the Department of Natural Resources that there was a sewage bypass into the lake on June 23, 2010.

The beach will continue to be sampled on a daily basis until the counts reach an acceptable level to reopen the beach except Sunday, July 4th and Monday, July 5th as the lab is closed.

E-coli bacteria can cause nausea, fever, and stomach cramps. It is recommended that people do not swim in the water until the E-coli counts reach a safe level.