

Safe to swim? Call 311

No need to wonder if the water at the Old Beach in Prospect Park is safe to swim - Halton's Health Department has activated its beach water testing program at numerous public beaches, and invites residents to visit halton.ca/beaches or to dial 311 to check beach water quality.

"The beaches around Halton Region are some

of the many outdoor attractions we can enjoy," said Gary Carr, Halton Chair in a press release, adding, "The day you wish to go to the beach, check the website or dial 311 for the latest beach water monitoring results."

Last summer, the Old Beach at Fairy Lake was closed 57 per cent of the time when high bacterial counts made it unsafe. The Old Beach

water failed eight of 14 tests.

The monitoring of the waters off Halton's beaches began June 4 and continues until the end of August, with testing done to determine if the water quality is acceptable for swimming and for other recreational water activities. Swimming in water with a high bacterial count could result in eye, ear, nose or throat infections, or gastrointestinal or stomach illnesses.

For more information on beach water monitoring visit Halton.ca/beaches or dial 311 or 1-866-442-5866.

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SPROUTING HEALTHY CHOICES: The Sprouts Kids Club at the Acton Farmers' Market is designed to educate kids about where their food comes from and to make healthy food choices. A last week's Market Charlotte Borbridge (left), Sloane Boorman and Riley Borbridge received a Passport to Health, Sprouts Tokens to redeem for fresh food, and a Sprouts Kids Club shopping bag. - Ted Tyler photo



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