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Bathing waters

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There are four stretches of the Blackpool coast that are designated bathing waters, and eight across the Fylde coast.

Each of these sites are monitored the by Environment Agency during the bathing season, which runs from May to September, taking 20 samples at each site every year. These sites must meet European guidelines of water quality, with the aim of protecting the health of people who may want to swim, paddle or even just splash and play there.

Blackpool Council is working closely with the Environment Agency, as well as the wider [Fylde Peninsula Water Management Partnership](#) to ensure our waters continue to meet the new standards. The council also has a legal responsibility under the contaminated land investigation process to stop the pollution of controlled waters.








Bathing water is effected by a variety of sources; incorrect disposable of cooking fats, sanitary products and other hygiene products such as wetwipes can cause blockages.

How you can help

- Put litter in the bin
- Thinking about what you flush down the to
- Pick up after your

Bathing water sites

You can look up details of designated bathing waters on the Environment Agencies [Swimfo webpage](#).

Bathing water sites in Blackpool			
	Annual water quality	Pollution update	
Blackpool			
Bispham 	2023: <div><div><div>★</div><div>★</div><div>★</div></div><div>good</div></div>	Pollution forecasts will resume when the season starts	
Blackpool Central 	2023: <div><div><div>★</div><div>★</div><div>★</div></div><div>sufficient</div></div>	Pollution forecasts will resume when the season starts	
Blackpool North 	2023: <div><div><div>■</div></div><div>poor</div></div>	 Bathing is not advised	
Blackpool South 	2023: <div><div><div>★</div><div>★</div><div>★</div></div><div>sufficient</div></div>	Pollution forecasts will resume when the season starts	
Key			
	Bathing is not advised		
<div><div><div>★</div><div>★</div><div>★</div></div></div>	Annual classification: excellent water quality		
<div><div><div>★</div><div>★</div><div>★</div></div></div>	Annual classification: good water quality		



Annual classification: sufficient water quality



Annual classification: poor water quality



Indicates the class that would have been given if the new bathing water standards had been in force.

Linked-data from [the Environment Agency](#) · [OGL](#)

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