

## Beach Water Quality



Vancouver-area receiving waters are sampled throughout the swimming season to determine compliance with the Canadian Recreational Water Guidelines. These guidelines establish a level of 200 coliform bacteria (an indicator organism associated with sewage contamination) per 100 mls of water for "primary contact" recreational activities. This level is expressed as a geometric mean over the most recent 30 days.

When water in the vicinity of bathing beaches exceeds the 200 coliforms/100 ml level the Medical Health Officer will post Warning signs indicating that "This Water Does Not Meet Health Standards for Swimming or Wading." The risk of acquiring an infection is increased above this level of contamination.

The "coliform counts" for the Vancouver-area beaches are updated weekly, based on sampling results provided by the GVRD Water Quality Laboratory.

**LAST SAMPLING DATE:** June 15 2010

<b>Area</b>	<b>Beach</b>	<b>Geometric Mean</b>
<b>English Bay</b>	Third	21
	Second	22
	English Bay	33
	Sunset	32
	Kitsilano Point	32
	Kitsilano Beach	29
	Jericho	38
	Locarno	40
	Spanish Banks	27

<b>Area</b>	<b>Beach</b>	<b>Geometric Mean</b>
<b>Wreck</b>	Foreshore East	50
	Acadia	54
	Wreck/Trail 4	22
	Wreck/Trail 6	27
	Wreck/Trail 7	54
<b>False Creek *</b>	West	54
	Central	54
	East	150

\* False Creek is not classified as a Primary Contact Recreational Water Body (i.e. it is not a swimming/bathing beach)

<b>Trout Lake</b>	Trout Lake	<b>254</b>
<b>West Vancouver</b>	Ambleside	46
	Dundarave	33
	Eagle Harbour	97
	Whytecliffe Park	20
<b>North Vancouver</b>	Cates Park	29
	Deep Cove	50
<b>Richmond</b>	Iona	22
	Gary Point	43