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## DPNR: All Beaches Good to Go This Weekend

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All beaches tested by the Department of Planning and Natural Resources this week proved safe for swimming and fishing, the government arm said.

D.P.N.R.'s Beach Water Quality Monitoring Program evaluates weekly water quality at popular swimming beaches throughout the territory by sampling for Enterococci bacteria and turbidity, which is a measure of water clarity.

### **St. Croix safe beaches**

- Stony Ground
- Pelican Cove (Cormorant)
- Chenay Bay
- Dorsch Beach

- Sprat Hall
- Columbus Landing
- Frederiksted Public Beach
- Rainbow Beach
- Halfpenny Beach
- New Fort (Ft. Louise Augusta)
- Buccaneer
- Cramer's Park
- Cane Bay
- Shoy's
- Protestant Cay
- Princess (Condo Row)

### **St. Thomas**

- Lindbergh Bay
- Sapphire Beach
- Lindquist Beach
- Brewer's Bay
- Vessup Bay
- Water Bay
- Hull Bay
- Bluebeard's Beach
- Frenchman's Bay
- Magen's Bay
- Secret Harbor
- Coki Point
- Bolongo Bay

### **St. John**

- Cruz Bay
- Oppenheimer
- Frank Bay
- Johnson Bay
- Great Cruz Bay

Grapetree Bay was not tested, therefore said beach's water quality is unknown, D.P.N.R. said.

D.P.N.R. said all persons should be aware that storm water runoff may also contain contaminants or pollutants harmful to human health and therefore all persons should avoid areas of storm water runoff (i.e. guts, puddles, and drainage basins) or if any area appears discolored or has foul odors. DPNR will continue to monitor the impacted areas and waters.

For additional information regarding water quality call the Division of Environmental Protection at 773-1082 in St. Croix or 774-3320 in St. Thomas.

