

Grading of beach water quality release

The Environmental Protection Department (EPD) today (September 21) released the latest grading of water quality of 38 gazetted beaches* that are open for swimming and one non-gazetted beach (i.e. Discovery Bay**).

Fourteen beaches were rated as Good (Grade 1), 21 as Fair (Grade 2) and four as Poor (Grade 3).

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Grade 2 beaches are:

Approach Beach

Cafeteria New Beach

Cafeteria Old Beach

Casam Beach

Castle Peak Beach

Clear Water Bay First Beach

Clear Water Bay Second Beach

Deep Water Bay Beach***

Discovery Bay

Golden Beach

Hoi Mei Wan Beach

Kadoorie Beach

Kiu Tsui Beach***

Lido Beach

Middle Bay Beach

Pui O Beach

Shek O Beach***

Silver Mine Bay Beach

Silverstrand Beach

St Stephen's Beach

Ting Kau Beach

Grade 3 beaches are:

Anglers' Beach

Butterfly Beach

Big Wave Bay Beach

Ma Wan Tung Wan Beach

*: The Leisure and Cultural Services Department announced on September 17 that, due to urgent clearance work and maintenance of shark prevention nets after the Typhoon Mangkhut, all beaches in Southern, Tuen Mun, Tsuen Wan, Islands and Sai Kung Districts are temporarily closed until further notice.

** : Discovery Bay is a non-gazetted beach without lifeguard service.

***: After the Typhoon, damages were found at Sai Kung Sewage Treatment Works and some sewage pipes near Deep Water Bay and Tai Tau Chau of Shek O, leading to the discharge of sewage. The public is advised to avoid recreational activities at beaches including Kiu Tsui Beach, Trio Beach, Hap Mun Bay Beach, Deep Water Bay Beach and Shek O Beach where water quality may be affected in the near future.

Under the present grading system, beaches are classified into four grades according to the level of E. coli in the water. Grades are calculated on the basis of the geometric mean of the E. coli counts on the five most recent sampling occasions.

A summary of beach grades is published weekly before the weekend. Latest beach grades based on the most current data may be obtained from the department's websites on Beach Water Quality (www.beachwq.gov.hk or www.epd.gov.hk/epd/beach) or the beach hotline, 2511 6666.