

HOW TO PROTECT OUR SOURCE OF DRINKING WATER AT HOME



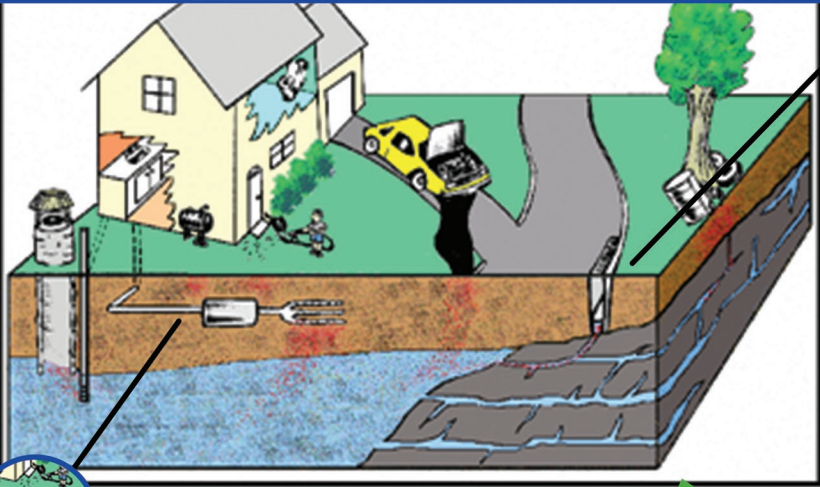
Yard Maintenance

- ✓ Apply lawn chemicals only as directed. More is not always better!
- ✓ Cultivate plants which discourage pests. This reduces pesticide usage.
- ✓ Leave lawn clippings on lawn or compost them.
- ✓ Pull weeds by hand.
- ✓ Clean up after pets.
- ✗ Don't over-apply fertilizers, herbicides or pesticides.

Automotive

- ✓ Recycle used oil & antifreeze at the automotive parts store.
- ✓ Clean up spills immediately.
- ✓ Have automotive fluid leaks fixed.
- ✓ Bike, walk, or use public transportation.
- ✗ Don't pour used oil, antifreeze or other chemicals on the ground or down a storm drain.

Your Home



Storm Drains

- ✓ Take unwanted chemicals to hazardous waste collection sites.
- ✗ Don't Pour chemicals into storm drains, drainage ditches, or sinkholes.

Plumbing/Septic Systems

- ✓ Have your septic tank inspected annually and pumped every five years.
- ✓ Use phosphate free detergents.
- ✗ Don't pour chemicals down ANY drain leading to a septic tank.
- ✗ Don't use toilets as trash cans.
- ✗ Don't use septic system additives or "cleaners".

Additional Protection Ideas

- ✓ If you have a fuel oil tank, make sure it is not leaking. You can also install a concrete bermed pad under the tank to catch any accidental spills or leaks.
- ✓ Hire someone to properly seal all unused water wells on your property.
- ✓ Install a rain garden or rain barrel to capture rain water for gardening.
- ✓ Recycle old batteries and cellphones. Find a drop off location at Call2Recycle.org.

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