HOW TO PROTECT OUR SOURCE OF DRINKING WATER AT HOME



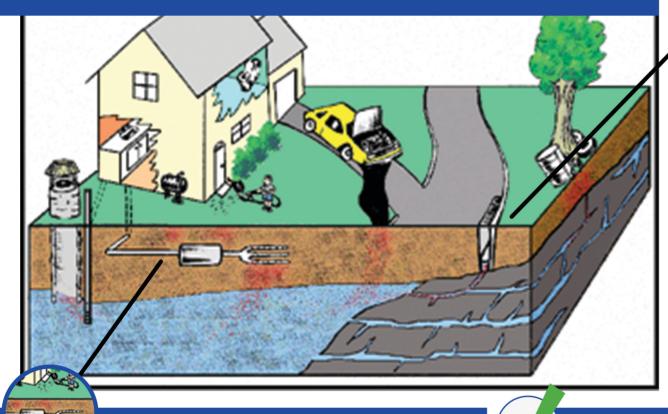
Yard Maintenance

- ✓ 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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