



Chemicals

Many products used in and around our homes may contain dangerous chemicals, including, but not limited to paints, furniture strippers, automotive products, and cleaning supplies. By making some small changes, we can all do our part to keep chemicals out of our drinking water sources.

What Can You Do to Help?

1. Before you purchase harmful chemicals:

- Research green or eco-friendly alternatives.
- Look at the product's ingredients.
- Only purchase chemical products if there are no other alternatives that work.



2. Use, store, and dispose of items correctly

- Ensure you only use the amount of product necessary for the job.
- Store the left over product away from wells, surface water, and storm drains.
- Collect chemical products you no longer use and dispose of them at a municipal hazardous waste depot.

3. Maintain your well

- Ensure the well has a proper cap, mounded slope directing water away from the casing, and that there is no visual sign of damage.
- Avoid spilling or using chemicals, road salt, fertilizers, or pesticides around your well.
- Properly abandon unused wells by contracting a licensed well contractor.



Protect surface water

- Do not dispose of anything down storm drains. They are meant for rain and melted snow only. Contaminants that enter storm drains can directly impact our rivers, lakes, and streams.
- Handle fertilizers, pesticides, chemicals (i.e. car cleaners), and road salt with care because they can be washed into storm drains.