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Drinking Water and Household Hazardous Waste—Things You Should Know

The City is working together with its Wellhead Protection Committee and local, state and federal agencies to protect area drinking water sources through the implementation of its Wellhead Protection Plan. There are many products that homeowners use on their properties for activities such as cleaning or maintaining equipment. When used, stored and disposed of according to manufacturer's instructions on the labels, these products can be useful tools around the home. There are times, however, when these products are not used, stored or disposed of when they may become a significant source of ground water contamination that may lead to a drinking water source that is either unusable or requires extensive treatment. Drinking water that has become contaminated with chemicals found in hazardous household products can create adverse health effects. You, as a land owner, can take preventative steps to protect drinking water by using, storing, and disposing of household products as listed on the product label.

To learn how to become actively involved in the protection of drinking water or to learn ways to handle hazardous waste products in your home to prevent groundwater contamination, property owners are encouraged to contact the City or log on to the Minnesota Rural Water Association website at mrwa@mrwa.com or the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's website at <http://www.pca.state.mn.us/waste/hhw/index.html>.