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WHP News Release

Drinking Water and Industrial 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. In the process of developing useful products or providing services for consumers, industrial and commercial businesses may produce wastes that are hazardous and can be a significant source of groundwater contamination if they are not stored, transported, or disposed of properly (according to government regulations). Drinking water that has become contaminated with chemicals originating from hazardous chemicals or hazardous waste products can create adverse health effects for those who consume the drinking water. Those in industry and commercial business can take preventative steps to protect drinking water by using and storing hazardous chemicals properly, and storing and disposing of the hazardous waste products as listed directed by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.

To learn how to become actively involved in the protection of drinking water or to learn ways to handle hazardous chemicals or waste products to prevent groundwater contamination, industrial and commercial business 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 (MPCA) website at <http://www.pca.state.mn.us>.

Also, the **HAZARDOUS WASTE COMPLIANCE GUIDE**, an MPCA publication, may be accessed online at the following website:
<http://www.pca.state.mn.us/publications/w-hw5-25.pdf>.