

News Release
Old Municipal Well Management

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The City has been working together with local, state and federal agencies to protect area drinking water sources through the implementation of its Wellhead Protection Plan. One action the City is taking to protect drinking water sources to seal old municipal wells which are no longer in use by the City. Wells that are in disrepair or improperly operated may allow harmful contaminants to directly enter the ground water aquifer and cause serious health issues to those who use the aquifer for its drinking water source.

According to Bruce Olsen, Minnesota Department of Health hydro-geologist, "Unused unsealed wells can allow contaminants to directly enter our ground water aquifers and drinking water supplies. Property owners have a responsibility to see that their well is managed correctly to ensure local groundwater supplies do not become contaminated as a result of poor well management practices."

To learn how to become actively involved in the protection of drinking water or to determine specific ways you can manage your property in order to better protect groundwater supplies, individuals are encouraged to contact the City or log on to the Minnesota Rural Water Association website at mrwa@mrwa.com.