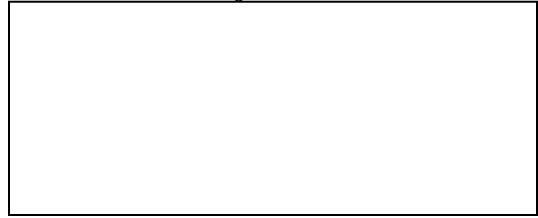


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**Well Management**

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. An effective way for homeowners to support this effort is to begin operating and maintaining wells located on their own property. 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, “Improper management of 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 make sure 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 to manage private wells to prevent groundwater contamination, property owners are encouraged to contact the City’s Wellhead Protection Manager or log on to the Minnesota Rural Water Association Web site at [mrwa@mrwa.com](mailto:mrwa@mrwa.com).