

WHP News Release – Stormwater Management For Information Contact:

WELLHEAD PROTECTION NEWS RELEASE

The City of _____ has been working together with local, state and federal agencies to protect area drinking water sources through the implementation of its Wellhead Protection Plan. During the process of developing the Plan the City identified stormwater runoff as a potential threat to contaminating their drinking water supply. An effective way for homeowners to support this effort is to begin to manage their properties to help eliminate the amount of pollution stormwater runoff carries into our lakes or rivers. Stormwater runoff occurs when precipitation from rain or snowmelt flows over the ground. Stormwater can pick up debris, chemicals, dirt, and other pollutants and carry them into a storm sewer system or directly to a lake, stream, river or wetland. Anything that enters a storm sewer system is discharged untreated into the waterbodies we use for swimming, fishing, and providing drinking water. Polluted stormwater runoff can have many adverse effects on plants, fish, animals, and people. Treating drinking water is becoming increasingly expensive so keeping groundwater and surface waters clean saves money and keeps you safe and healthy.

To learn how to become actively involved in the protection of drinking water or to determine specific ways to manage the stormwater runoff on your property, landowners are encouraged to contact the City of _____, WHP Manager, _____ at _____ or log on to the Minnesota Rural Water Association website at mrwa@mrwa.com.