

## Drinking Water Protection Program



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Use and dispose of harmful material properly. More importantly, limit use of such products and substitute a nonhazardous product when possible. *See reverse side for a listing of potentially harmful products.*
- 2. Alternatives to Hazardous Cleaning Products**  
Use cleaning products that will not harm the environment. Look for “environmentally friendly” products.
- 3. Septic Systems**  
Do not put hazardous substances or items like coffee grounds, cigarette butts, or grease in your toilet or garbage disposal.
- 4. Bathing and Personal Care**  
Take short showers, not baths. Limit showers to 5 minutes or less. Don’t let the water run when you brush your teeth or shave.
- 5. Laundry**  
Wash full loads. Adjust the water level control as needed. Turn the washer’s water supply off when not in use.
- 6. Cooking and Drinking Water**  
Cook food in as little water as possible. This also prevents loss of nutrients. Keep a covered bottle of water in the refrigerator for drinking so you won’t have to let the water run to get cold.
- 7. Household Cleaning**  
Clean driveway, patio, sidewalk and garage floor with a broom rather than a hose.
- 8. Garden and Lawn**  
Water the lawn or garden early in the morning or at night.
- 9. Conserve Water**  
Turn faucets off completely to avoid drips. Do not let the water run. Insulate hot water line. Select water saving appliances.
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- Paint, paint thinners, varnish and varnish removers, stains and dyes
- Household cleaners and disinfectants
- Jewelry cleaners
- Pesticides
- Swimming pool chlorine
- Bug and tar removers, car wax, detergent, and polish
- Laundry soil and stain removers, spot removers
- Septic and cesspool cleaners
- Floor and furniture strippers

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