Landscaping Around Wells

CLEAN WATER LAND & LEGACY AMENDMENT

How do backyard practices threaten your drinking water?

Proper management of backyards near private wells keeps these wells from acting as conduits allowing surface water runoff or contaminated water from reaching drinking water sources. *If your drinking water becomes contaminated, you may need to install a water treatment system or drill a new well; both of which can costs thousands of dollars.*

What Can You Do to Alleviate This Threat?

- When landscaping your yard, keep the top of the well at least 1 foot above the soil surface. Slope the soil away from the well casing to allow surface water to drain away from your well.
- Do not pile snow, leaves, or other materials around the well. This will help keep insects, dirt, and other contaminants from entering your well.
- Do not work with hazardous chemicals such as paints, fertilizers, pesticides, herbicides, motor oil, etc. near your well.
- Regularly inspect your well for cracks in the casing and securely attach all well covers.
- Consider the location of your well when making physical changes to your property.
- Follow all Minnesota Department of Health required setbacks from buildings and potential contaminant sources.

For More Information Contact:

City of Center City 651-257-5284

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Would YOU Drink This Water?

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Become Better Informed about Wellhead Protection

The City is working cooperatively with homeowners to implement storm water Best Management Practices to help protect drinking water supplies.

Steps YOU can take to protect your drinking water:

*Properly dispose of household products such as insecticides, pesticides, paints, used motor oil, etc. Don't pour them on the ground or into storm drains.

*Use pesticides and fertilizers sparingly and in the recommend amounts.

*Sweep up litter and debris from sidewalks, driveways, and parking lots, especially around storm drains. Compost or mulch yard waste.

*Pick up pet waste and dispose of it properly.

*Use a commercial car wash that treats or recycles its wastewater, or wash your car on your yard so the water infiltrates into the ground.

*Dispose of oil filters, used auto fluids, and batteries at designated drop-off sites or recycling locations.

*Don't over-water your lawn.

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