

Do Your Part to Conserve Our Drinking Water

- ✓ Turn off the water when you brush your teeth and take shorter showers.
- ✓ Wash full loads of clothes & dishes.
- ✓ Don't use your toilet to flush trash.
- ✓ Fix leaking faucets, toilets and lines. Consider installing toilets, faucets and appliances designed to save water.
- ✓ Water your lawn and garden in the morning to avoid evaporation of the water. Consider installing a rain barrel at your downspouts to collect rain to water your landscape, instead of using treated water.
- ✓ Use native plants for landscaping that don't need extra watering. Use mulch to hold moisture.
- ✓ Don't let your hose run while washing your car.
- ✓ If you are asked to conserve during a drought, don't panic. The Town responds to water shortages based on normal water use. Running extra water during a drought will make it more difficult to respond to the water shortage.



Source Water Links

- www.epa.gov/safewater/index.html
- www.epa.gov/watersense/
- <http://cfpub.epa.gov/owm/septic/index.cfm>
- <http://orsanco.org/index.php/brochures>
- <http://www.vdh.state.va.us/odw/SourceWaterAssessmentProgram.htm>
- <http://deq.virginia.gov/Programs/WaterSupplyWaterQuantity/GroundwaterProtectionSteeringCommittee/WellheadProtection.aspx>

For Kids

- www.epa.gov/safewater/kids/index.html
- www.epa.gov/watersense/kids/index.html
- www.groundwater.org/kc/kc.html



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Do Your Part!



*Protect Our Drinking Water
Protect Your Health*



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Drinking water is essential for life.

Learn what you can do to protect our drinking water sources.

The Town of Middleburg provides your drinking water by treating groundwater from wells. This drinking water source is limited and could become contaminated unless we work together to protect it. Contaminated water is more costly to treat and possibly unusable altogether.

Making choices to protect and conserve the source of your drinking water helps keep you, your family and neighbors safe and healthy now and in the future.



What is Source Water Protection?

Source water protection helps safeguard community water supplies by preventing contamination of the public water supply wells. An important aspect of this is effectively managing potential contaminant sources in the areas which contribute water to the wells.

The Town of Middleburg's water system has five wells that supply the Town's drinking water. A reasonable estimate of the source water protection area for each well is a one-mile radius surrounding each well. Thus, your source water protection area includes all of the land within the Town limits and some adjoining land. This means that certain activities on your property could potentially have an adverse impact on your drinking water.

The Town operates two water treatment plants to produce quality drinking water. The Town is proud of its high quality water and is being proactive to preserve the water sources of the Town.

Middleburg developed a Wellhead Protection Plan, but everyone needs to get involved for the plan to be successful!

Do Your Part to Protect Our Water

- ✓ Recycle used oil and automotive products at a service center or the County's Solid Waste Management Facility at 21101 Evergreen Mills Road. Don't pour them on the ground or down storm drains. Storm drains can lead directly to your source water.
- ✓ Fix automobile leaks and clean up spills.
- ✓ Apply fertilizers and pesticides as directed. Consider natural alternatives to chemicals.
- ✓ If you have pets, put their waste into a plastic bag and dispose of it in the trash to prevent bacterial contamination of our ground water.
- ✓ Don't flush pharmaceuticals. Dispose by mixing with coffee grounds or kitty litter, sealing in a container and placing in the trash. To participate in National Prescription Drug Take Back Day, visit the County's website at www.loudoun.gov (under Solid Waste Management Department).
- ✓ Take unwanted household chemical waste, such as personal care products, cleaners, oils, and paints to proper waste collection sites. Don't dump down your sink, toilet, or storm drains.
- ✓ Check for leaks at heating fuel tanks and install pads to catch accidental leaks or spills.
- ✓ Report unused water wells to the Town of Middleburg or Virginia Department of Health.
- ✓ Inspect your septic system regularly and pump every 3-5 years.



*Conserving water saves money on your next bill.
Protecting our source drinking water will save on treatment costs later.*