

Your Actions Protect Highly Vulnerable Aquifers

and our drinking water reserves

Learn more about our drinking water aquifers through our [StoryMap](#)



Understand the Risks • Use better practices

Drinking water wells

Properly locating and maintaining your private water well is an important way to protect your family and your aquifers from harmful contaminants.

! Mississippi and Rideau Aquifers are **Highly Vulnerable** to Contamination



Livestock/
Manure



Roads/
Salt storage



Septic



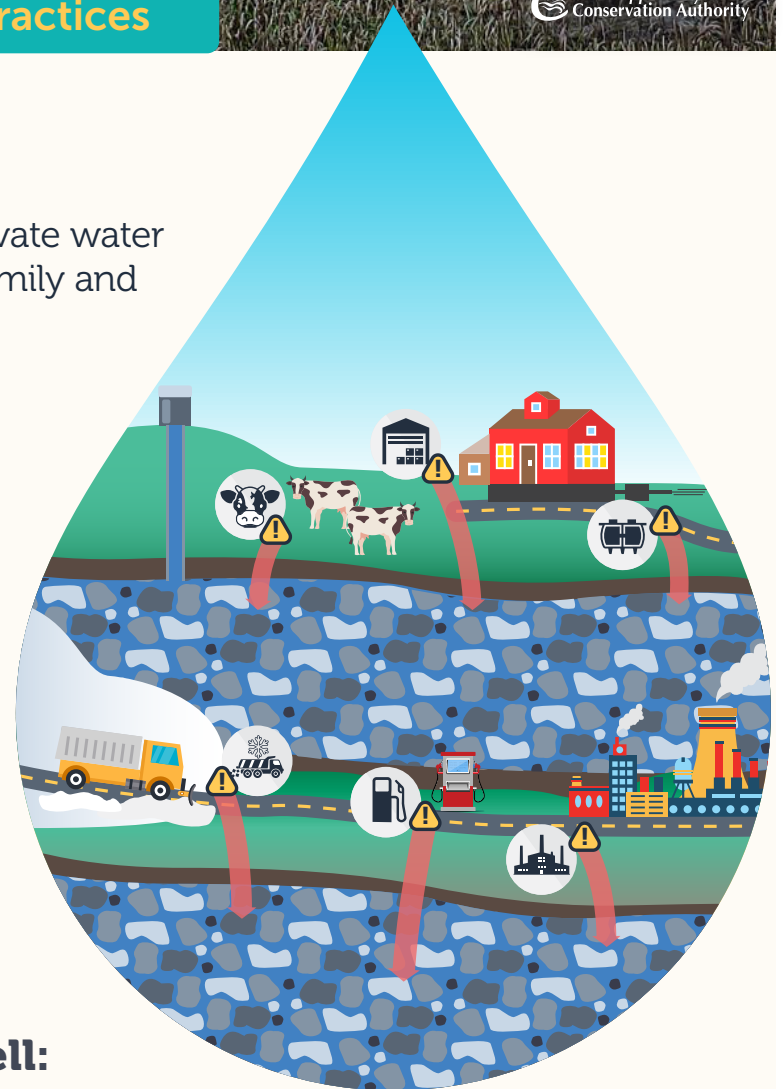
Gas



DNAPL/
Chemical storage



Industry



Maintain your drinking water well:



Ontario's Well Checklist

- Sealed casing
- Secure cap
- Drainage away
- Multiple water quality checks

Ontario's **important recommendations** for well location

- Uphill and far away from contaminants
- Always more than the minimum requirements



Find out **when and how** to plug a well