

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

Pathogens, chemicals & emerging contaminants

Harmful pathogens like E.Coli can make us sick, while industrial chemicals and emerging contaminants like prescription medications, caffeine and artificial sweeteners could pose long-term health effects. Proper handling, storing and treatment of these substances protects our drinking water reserves for future generations.



Disinfecting well water in an HVA region



Report **spills and pollution**



Heating oil **issues and liability**

Shop green for a safe clean:



Green cleaners • DIY cleaners • Fabric care
Body and hair care • Safe disinfection
Appliance and wood care



Chemicals in the home

Protect the ground:

Store products safely and prevent / clean-up spills to soil, puddles, ditches



Don't pour it down the drain—ever!

For all businesses

- create a spill response plan
- use safer chemicals, if a toxic compound is needed
- use recommended storage



Use **pervious pavement** and keep the alternatives coming