



Do the products you use or produce in your business pose a hazard to the area's drinking water? The fact is, many products used or generated by businesses for the production of goods or services-- if not used, stored and disposed of properly--may find their way into the drinking water supply. Some examples of businesses that may produce these types of wastes include manufacturers, auto repair or painting shops, printing, dry cleaners, medical or dental clinics, metal finishing or electroplating shops. Even small amounts of hazardous chemicals produced by these businesses can be hazardous to the general public and the environment. Improperly used, stored, or disposed of hazardous products have the potential to enter the area's groundwater aquifer by infiltrating from the land surface through the soils.

The City is working cooperatively with the County solid waste office and business owners to implement preventative measures to help protect the drinking water.

SIMPLE STEPS YOU CAN DO TO PROTECT THE LOCAL DRINKING WATER SUPPLY

- Check your kitchen, basement, and garage. If any labels contain any of these words: *CAUTION. WARNING. DANGER. POISON.* Those products may contain hazardous chemicals.
- Keep track of the products used in your household and keep a minimum supply on hand.
- Ensure that the products in your household are stored in a safe place and according to manufacturer's instructions.
- If you have unwanted products that contain hazardous chemicals
 - DON'T** throw them in the garbage!
 - DON'T** pour them down the drain!
 - DON'T** pour them down the storm water drain!
 - DON'T** pour them on the ground!
- Always be sure to follow the manufacturer's instructions when using products containing hazardous chemicals.
- Follow all MN Pollution Control Agency requirements and recommended practices concerning the disposal of products containing hazardous chemicals

For additional information about waste management see the MPCA's hazardous waste-related publications at <http://www.pca.state.mn.us/industry/index.html>, or contact your metropolitan county hazardous waste office or the MPCA office closest to your county. Call the MPCA's customer assistance center at (651) 297-2274 or (800) 646-6247. For information about reducing the amount of waste you generate, call the Minnesota Technical Assistance Program (MnTAP) at (612) 624-1300.

City Contact Info
