

DO:

- ✓ Report all spills to 911.
- ✓ Use fertilizers and pesticides according to application guidelines.
- ✓ Report water wells that are no longer being used to the City Office.
- ✓ Have unused wells plugged professionally.
- ✓ Have your septic tank pumped regularly.



DON'T:

- ✓ Over-fertilize your yard.
- ✓ Pour used oil into storm drains or on the ground.
- ✓ Ignore any possible contamination – Call 911.
- ✓ Build over your septic drain field.



In an Emergency Please Call:

Spill
Emergencies.....911

Household Hazardous
Waste.....269.467.5617

Abandoned
Wells.....269.651.2321

Keeping Your Drinking Water Safe



Wellhead Protection Program

As a Public Water supplier, the City of Sturgis recognizes the importance of maintaining a clean drinking water supply to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of its current and future citizens. To this end our City has established a Wellhead Protection Area.

The Wellhead Protection Area is defined as the groundwater area that contributes water to our public water wells.

To keep contaminants out of these waters, our City works to identify sources of contamination around the Wellhead Protection Area. We also seek actions to eliminate these contamination sources, or modify their migration away from our wells. Assisting us with this effort:

- City of Sturgis
- Branch-Hillsdale-St. Joseph Community Health Agency
- Department of Environmental Quality
- United States Environmental Protection Agency
- Fleis & VandenBrink Engineering, Inc.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Follow the Do's and Don'ts found on this brochure. Review the map to learn more about the Wellhead Protection Area. Also, call our City Office at 269.651.2321 to join our Wellhead Protection Team, or to voice your ideas on how to protect our valuable drinking water resources.

