

DO:

- ✓ Report all spills to 911.
- ✓ Use fertilizers and pesticides according to application guidelines.
- ✓ Report unused water wells to the City of Sturgis for proper well abandonment.
- ✓ Have your septic tank pumped regularly.
- ✓ Control stormwater runoff by planting trees.



DON'T:

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

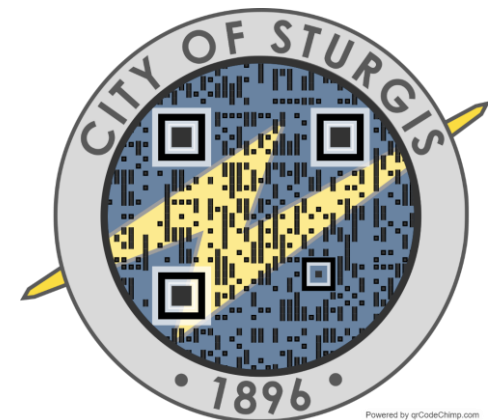
In an Emergency Please Call:

Spill
Emergencies.....911

Household Hazardous
Waste.....269.467.4195

Abandoned Wells.....269.659.7249

Keeping Your Drinking Water Safe



Source Water Protection

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 established a Wellhead Protection Area in 1998. 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:

- Branch-Hillsdale-St. Joseph Community Health Agency
- Departments of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE)
- Fleis & VandenBrink Engineering, Inc.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Follow the Do's and Don'ts found on this brochure. Review the map to familiarize yourself with our 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.

