



Genesee County Health Department

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Re: Protect Your Groundwater Day is September 8, 2015

The Genesee County Health Department encourages every person to protect the health of their family and the environment by protecting our groundwater. Protect Your Groundwater Day is September 8, 2015.

In the United States, 39.4 percent of the population regularly depends on groundwater, and 38.5 million Americans rely on privately owned and operated household water wells for their drinking water supply. Another 87.1 million residents rely on groundwater-supplied community water systems.

For household water well owners, managing the well system and one's property can make a difference in water quality. Wellheads should be a safe distance from potential contamination. Everyone can make a difference in groundwater quality by how they store, use, and dispose of hazardous household substances. Make sure all hazardous materials are disposed of properly. Don't pour them down the drain. Maintaining your septic system also helps protect ground water. Visit www.wellowner.org/basic/septoc-systems for tips on maintaining your septic system. We can all learn to use water wisely. Water conservation also helps protect our ground water supply. For water conservation tips review our water conservation fact sheet on our website www.gchd.us.

We call on all to work together to protect our health and our environment. For more information regarding Protect Your Groundwater Day visit www.NGWA.org/PYGWD or visit our website www.gchd.us. Our motto is ***Better Life through Better Health.***

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