



# Meadville Area Water Authority National Drinking Water Week 2005 Poster Contest

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## What Can you do to protect and conserve groundwater?

### Protect

- Never throw oil or chemicals down the drain or onto the ground
- Wash the family car on the lawn instead of the driveway
- Carefully follow directions for the safe use of lawn fertilizers and pesticides to avoid using too much
- Rake up leaves to keep them from going down the storm drain
- Pick up after your pet to prevent the waste from going down the storm drain
- Don't throw used batteries on the ground or in the trash
- Buy products that are safe for the environment rather than products that are hazardous
- Use products up completely so that you can throw away the empty container

### Conserve

- Keep showers to 5 minutes or less and take shallow baths
- Use dishwashers and clothes washers for full loads only
- Turn off the water while you are brushing your teeth or scraping the dishes or washing your hands
- Keep a jug of drinking water in the refrigerator, then you won't have to run water to cool it
- Check every toilet, faucet, hose and automatic sprinkler for leaks
- Use a broom instead of a hose to clean the driveway or sidewalk
- Use a bucket of water to wash your bike or the family car and rinse quickly with a hose
- Water your lawn at night (between 5 p.m. and 9 a.m.) to avoid evaporation
- Be careful to only water the lawn, not the sidewalk or street
- Use water only when you need it and always turn it off when you are finished