
START AT HOME

The best place to start protecting groundwater is in your home.

- Read product labels before purchasing to determine what substances they contain
- Purchase safer alternative products instead of hazardous household products and pesticides whenever possible.
- If there is not an alternative to products, such as motor oil, follow the directions to handle and dispose of these products safely.

NEVER DISPOSE OF the following hazardous household products in the garbage, on the ground, down the drain or down the toilet:

- Oven cleaner
- Furniture polish
- Metal polish
- Shoe polish
- Glues and adhesives
- Nail polish remover
- Batteries
- Fluorescent bulbs
- Gasoline
- Motor Oil
- Antifreeze
- Paint products
- Electronic waste (such as computers, cell phones and televisions)

WHAT SHOULD YOU DO WITH YOUR HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS PRODUCTS?

If you do purchase products containing hazardous substances:

- Buy only as much as you need.
- Use product up completely so you only discard the empty container.
- Let products, such as paint, polishes and adhesives dry completely in their container before discarding.
- Give the excess product to someone else to use.
- Take the product to a business that recycles hazardous products or save the product for hazardous waste collection.

WHERE TO RECYCLE HAZARDOUS PRODUCTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY

Motor oils, antifreeze, tires, and car batteries (lead-acid)

Northern Tier Solid Waste Authority operates a program for drop off collection/recycling of materials considered to be household hazardous waste. These materials are accepted at

the recycling processing centers located at the landfill sites in Bradford and Tioga Counties. To contact NTSWA call (570) 297-4177 or on the website ntswa.org

Car batteries (lead-acid) can also be recycled at the recycling center in front of the Dushore Waste Water Treatment Plant. For hours of operation call (570) 928-8020

Cell phones can be recycled at the Dushore Borough Office during regular business hours

What do you do with unwanted paint products?

Northern Tier Solid Waste Authority operates a program for drop off collection/recycling of materials considered to be household hazardous waste. NTSWA accepts the following useable paint related materials: latex, oil base paints, and varnishes, stains, etc. in tightly sealed containers. They are used in a paint exchange program and are given to other residents who may need paint. These materials are accepted at the recycling processing centers located at the landfill sites in Bradford and Tioga Counties. To contact NTSWA call (570) 297-4177 or on the website ntswa.org

NTSWA holds a Household Hazardous Waste collection annually; the dates for this year are June 27th and 28th. You can call (570) 297-4177 for times and location.

PROTECTING YOUR GROUNDWATER

When Rain and Snow fall, some water flows into streams, lakes, and oceans and becomes surface water. Most precipitation, however, either evaporates or infiltrates the soil, eventually becoming groundwater.

Water is the universal solvent. It picks up pollutants on its way to the aquifer from which we draw our drinking water.

Pollution entering the soil from sources such as leaky septic systems, underground storage tanks and home lawn care can contaminate the aquifer.

Some contamination can be traced to hazardous substances we use around our homes. If dumped down the drain, flushed down the toilet, or poured on the ground, these products can contaminate the groundwater supply. And once an aquifer is polluted, it is expensive and difficult to clean up.

IT'S A BRAVE NEW WORLD

There are around 750 million gallons of used motor oil recycled in this country every year, and it takes only 1 gallon of improperly disposed of oil to contaminate a million gallons of groundwater.

HOW AND WHERE TO FIND ALTERNATIVE PRODUCTS

- The Green Guide
www.thegreenguide.com
- Green Janitorial Products and Services
www.ofee.gov/gp/greenjanitorial.html
- Greenflag Program – Nontoxic Products Resource Packet
www.greenflagschools.org/NTP%20Packet.html
- EPA Green Products Web Site
www.epa.gov/oppt/epp/database.html
- Greening Your Purchase of Cleaning Products
www.epa.gov/epp/pubs/clean/cleaning.htm
- Green Seal
www.greenseal.org
- Building Green
www.buildinggreen.com/biblio/biblio.cfm

OTHER SOURCES OF INFORMATION

- Pennsylvania Dept. of Environmental Protection
www.dep.state.pa.us
- The League of Women Voters' Water Resources Education Network
www.palwv.org.wren
- Drinking Water Wise
www.drinkingwaterwise.org
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
www.epa.gov/safewater

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GROUNDWATER PROTECTION WHAT YOU CAN DO!



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