

## What You Can Do to Protect Our Drinking Water

- **Dispose of Hazardous Products Properly**—Items such as used motor oil, fuels, antifreeze, transmission & brake fluid, and pesticides should never be dumped on the ground or into a stormwater catch basin.
- **Clean up and/or Report Spills**  
**1-800-OILS-911**
- **If boating**, don't top off your watercraft with fuel. Fuel up watercraft before launching and use absorbent pads to catch spills
- **Conserve water** by taking short showers, shutting off the water while brushing your teeth, wash dishes by filling the sink or a tub and rinsing clean dishes quickly, and fix leaky faucets or showers in your camper.

- **Use backflow prevention devices** to prevent potentially dangerous cross connections to the water supply between RVs and hoses.
- **Clean up and dispose of pet waste**—Studies performed on watersheds in the Seattle, WA area found that nearly 20% of the bacteria found in water samples were matched with dogs as the host animal.

### For More Information

Visit any of these websites to learn more

- City of Wenatchee  
<http://www.wenatcheewa.gov/wellhead>
- The Groundwater Foundation  
<http://www.groundwater.org>
- Washington State Department of Health  
<http://doh.wa.gov>
- United States Environmental Protection Agency  
<http://water.epa.gov/infrastructure/drinkingwater/sourcewater/protection/epastateandtribalprograms.cfm>



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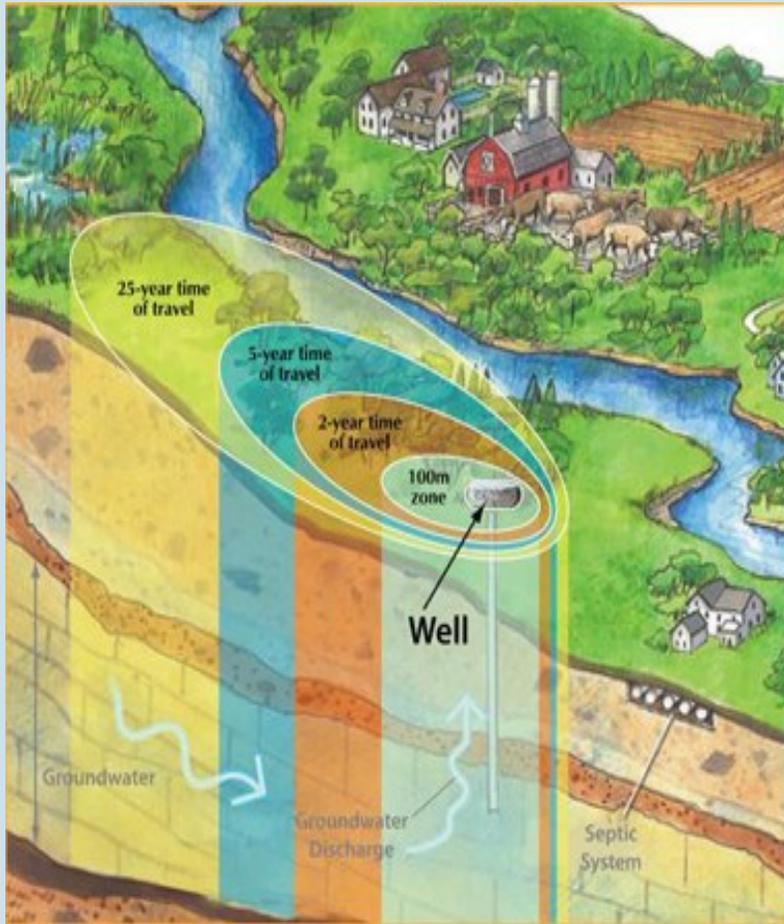
### GREATER WENATCHEE REGIONAL WELLHEAD PROTECTION



what every  
**camper**  
should know  
about  
**wellhead protection**

## What is Wellhead Protection?

Wellhead protection is a way to protect the drinking water by managing an area around the community's water supply wells to prevent contamination. By safely managing this important area, you can help ensure a safe water supply now and in the future.



### What is the source of drinking water for all of the Greater Wenatchee Area?

Groundwater located just south of Lincoln Rock Park. It is the water beneath the surface of the earth, which saturates the pores and fractures of sand, gravel, and rock formations.

### Why protect groundwater from contamination?

We drink it! Groundwater contamination is expensive and time consuming to clean up, but preventing contamination from occurring costs very little.

### What are the Regional partners doing to protect our drinking water source?

This group has a Washington State approved Wellhead Protection Program (WHPP). The program consists of a set of guidelines that helps our community protect groundwater by:

- Determining the size and shape of the areas near the public wellhead that should be protected.
- Identifying potential sources of contamination, both past and present, that could be hazardous to a drinking water supply.
- Developing and implementing a plan for managing the wellhead area.
- Developing emergency and contingency plans for the community water supply.
- Educating and involving the public.

## Doing Your Part

We all need clean water to drink, it is vital to our health. Wellhead Protection is a valuable step to ensure your drinking water is clean and safe for you, your family, and fellow campers

### Public involvement is a critical part of the Wellhead Protection process.

Campers like yourself can implement and encourage best management practices within the Wellhead Protection Area, support local ordinances, zoning, and other regulations that protect groundwater, and educate others in your campground about wellhead protection .

In addition, manage your activities in your campsite and follow the steps outlined on the back of this brochure to do your part to protect groundwater, our drinking water source. Also please visit some of the other resources listed to learn more.