What YOU Can Do to Protect Your Source of Drinking Water

**Spill Prevention and Containment**

**DO**
- Provide impermeable ‘Secondary Containment’ structures for aboveground chemical and fuel storage tanks.
- Ensure that underground tanks are meeting standards set by Ohio’s Bureau of Underground Storage Tank Regulations (614) 752-7938. In a Source Water Protection Area, underground tanks must be double-walled or have other forms of leak detection and prevention. Noncomplying tanks must be removed.
- Provide berms around chemical or fuel loading and unloading areas to help contain any leaks or spills.
- Provide storage areas for chemical drums that are roofed, set on an impermeable concrete floor without floor drains, and securely locked.
- Install systems to prevent overfilling of tanks, such as feed cut-off systems and by-pass systems to stand-by tanks.

**DON’T**
- Pour chemicals down ANY drain leading to a septic tank.

**Contingency Planning**

**DO**
- Have a contingency plan for accidents (fire, flood, explosion, collision, etc.) that may result in chemical spills.
- Notify the public water supply operator of any serious spills that may have

**Employee Training**

**DO**
- Train employees to:
  - Store and transport chemicals properly.
  - Respond to spills quickly and correctly.
  - Monitor chemical inventory.

**Drains**

**DON’T**
- Pour chemicals down drains that empty directly into the ground. Such drains may be illegal and should be sealed properly.

**Plumbing/Septic Systems**

**DO**
- Have your septic tank inspected annually and cleaned every five years.

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**Technology and Process Changes**

**DO**
- Change process parameters, equipment or the process itself to reduce the amount of waste generated.
- Redesign or reformulate end products to be less hazardous.
- Reduce raw materials used in processes.
- Contact Ohio EPA’s Office of Pollution Prevention (614) 644-3469 for FREE Pollution Prevention Technical Assistance.

For More Information about Source Water Protection, call:
The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency/Division of Drinking and Ground Waters (614) 644-2752