



DRINKING WATER! & you

3 *three reasons to protect drinking water*

- 1. HEALTH-** 70% of our body is made of water, and consuming contaminated water poses health risks.
- 2. ENVIRONMENT-** Contaminants are cumulative in nature, so reducing contaminants in our environment is critical. Consider that one drop of solvent is enough to contaminate the amount of water that fills an Olympic size swimming pool.
- 3. ECONOMY-** Treating contaminated water costs money, and that expense is passed on to you, the consumer.

protect drinking water in your home

- 1.** Limit usage of hazardous products such as oven cleaner, toilet bowl cleaner, bleaches, paints and other chemicals in the home. Make your own cleaning solution: 1 gallon hot water, 1 cup household ammonia, 1 cup vinegar, 1 tablespoon baking soda.
- 2.** When you do use hazardous products, only get the amount needed and use them properly. Use it all or share with someone who can. Dispose of any left over products properly. Do not dump harmful chemicals such as paint, oil, solvents, and pesticides in the trash or down the drain, toilet, or sewer. Some localities offer household hazardous materials collection days or drop off points for disposal of these products.
- 3.** Use pesticides/fertilizers in moderation. Follow directions for proper application and disposal.
- 4.** Avoid spilling or pouring automotive wastes such as oil or gas on the ground during maintenance. After changing oil, dispose of it at a local oil recycling center.

