

City of Garfield's Wellhead Protection

Where Does Your Drinking Water Come From?

Groundwater is the water that fills the small spaces between rock particles (sand, gravel, etc.) or cracks in solid rock. Rain, melting snow, or surface water becomes groundwater by seeping into the ground and filling these spaces. The top of the water-saturated zone is called the “**water table**”.

When water seeps in from the surface and reaches the water table, it begins moving towards points where it can escape, such as wells, rivers, or lakes.

An **aquifer** is any type of geologic material, such as sand or sandstone, which can supply water to wells or springs.

The groundwater, which supplies wells, often comes from within a short distance (a few miles) of the well. How fast groundwater moves depends on how much the well is pumped and what type of rock particles or bedrock it is moving through.

Most Minnesotans get drinking water from wells

Wellhead Protection is a way to prevent drinking water from becoming polluted by managing possible sources of contamination in the area which supplies water to a public well. Wellhead Protection will be an ongoing need for communities. Everyone has an important part to play in protecting drinking water wells -today and for the future.

In cooperation with Minnesota Department of Health & Minnesota Rural Water Association Source Water Protection Program

2021 NEWSLETTER

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****IMPORTANT NOTICE****

Garfield Residents: Please remember that all your complaints: nuisance due to loud music, barking/unleashed dogs, etc.; should come to the City Hall. First, we ask that you try to fix the nuisance/problem with the offending party, but if that does not resolve it, then contact the City Hall. If you feel threatened or in danger, contact the Sheriff.

Thank You!

(we appreciate your cooperation)



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ATTENTION GARFIELD RESIDENTS & BUSINESSES

PLEASE, PLEASE remember that disposable wipes, baby wipes, Clorox wipes, flushable wipes, paper towels, etc. should never be flushed into the sanitary sewer system.

The City has recently had repair bills for one of the pumps due to these items being disposed of that should never be put into the sewer system. If this continues, it may result in an increase to your rates.

Thank you for your cooperation.

IGNORE THE HYPE: DON'T FLUSH A WIPE!



~ Reminder ~

Sump pumps are to be pumped outside and NOT in the City's sanitation system.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

A Community effort to protect public wells...

The City of Garfield relies on groundwater for their drinking water supply. The City owns and operates two wells. These wells draw water from a groundwater aquifer located several hundred feet underground. Groundwater aquifers are vulnerable to contamination from human land surface activities.

The City of Garfield is working to protect drinking water supplies by carrying out Wellhead Protection Plan implementation. This plan was prepared in conjunction with several local, county and state agencies. The Minnesota Department of Health is the lead agency for the State's program and will assist communities with defining wellhead protection areas and developing plans to protect wells.

How do wells become polluted?

Wells become polluted when substances that are harmful to human health get into the groundwater. Water from these wells can be dangerous to drink when the level of pollution rises above health standards. Many of our everyday activities can cause pollution. Much can be done to prevent pollution, such as wise use of land and chemicals. The expense of treating polluted water or drilling new wells can also be avoided. Help avoid drinking water contamination by being an environmentally aware citizen.

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April is...

◆ National Poetry Month



◆ National Autism Awareness

◆ Stress Awareness Month

◆ National Donate Life Month



Thursday, April 1st
April Fool's Day
Holy Thursday



Friday, April 2nd
Good Friday

Sunday, April 4th
Easter



Wednesday, April 7th
National Beer Day

Monday, April 12th
City Council Meeting

Wednesday, April 21st
Administrative Professionals Day



Thursday, April 22nd
Take Your Kid to Work Day
Earth Day



Friday, April 30th
Arbor Day



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

We are up and running with the new credit card payment option. You are now able to pay your utility bill with credit cards, debit cards, or echeck.

There is a convenience fee based on \$3.00 per \$100 owed. This is less than a late fee charge and will keep your account from being delinquent or cut off.

Simply go to <https://ub-pay.com> and register. Our Municipal Code is GarfieldMN332. You will need your account number which is found on your billing

Would you like to be added to the City's email list for updates on upcoming events or happenings.



All we need is your email address. You can either include a note with your water/sewer payment, call 834-2238, or email cityhall@garfieldmn.com to be added to the email list.



City of Garfield, Minnesota
gives us a

DOG LICENSE

Dog licenses are due yearly!

Please stop down to City Hall and pay the \$5.00 per dog to satisfy your responsibility as a pet owner and as part of the Garfield City community.



City of Garfield's Ordinance requires that your dog be licensed yearly and LEASHED AT ALL TIMES.