

South Lyon Wellhead Protection and You

South Lyon currently has 5 production wells that is part of a large aquifer, supplying the City with 2 million gallons of drinking water per day. The City is looking into adding additional wells in the near future. An aquifer acts like an underground lake that is replenished by both rainwater and ground water. It is important to protect this water supply from ground water contamination.

What can you do to help in this effort?

- **Properly dispose household hazardous waste.** Drop your items off at any Resource Recovery and Recycling Authority of Southwest Oakland County (RRRASOC) event held throughout the year. For waste drop-off event dates and times, visit RRRASOC's website at: www.rrrasoc.org.
- **Follow instructions carefully when using fertilizers and pesticides.** Over-application and misuse can cause these products to make their way into both surface water and ground water.
- **Properly maintain your septic system.** Signs of malfunction include slow drainage and flushing, back-ups, and a saturated drain field.
- **Check your above and underground fuel storage tanks for leaks.**

If you are interested in learning more about the City's Wellhead Protection Program (WHPP), or if you would like to join the WHPP Committee, please contact the Water Department at: (248) 437-4006.