

UNDERSTANDING

Source Water Protection

THE GOAL: Prevent contaminants from entering waterways that serve as sources for our drinking water.

THE BENEFITS:

- ✓ Protects public health.
- ✓ Ensures a healthy habitat for countless species.
- ✓ Decreases need for costly, complex treatments to remove pollutants.

The source water for Middleburg Municipal Authority is from surface water intakes and a groundwater well.

Your water system has volunteered to participate in the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection's Source Water Protection Technical Assistance Program (SWPTAP).

THROUGH SWPTAP: A plan will be developed to guide your water system's source water protection efforts in the future. Once complete, it will be available for all customers to learn more about assisting with our source water protection efforts.



More Ways to Help



Minimize your use of pesticides and herbicides on your lawn and garden.



Bring hazardous waste (ex: paint) to recycling facilities.



Don't pour motor oil on the ground or in a storm drain. Dispose of motor oil at garages that recycle it.



Pump out your septic system every two or three years.



Do not flush any unwanted or leftover medications down the toilet or sink drain. Dispose of them at a disposal event or collection box.



Don't dump chlorinated pool water into a creek or storm drain. Direct it to a sanitary sewer or dechlorinate prior to disposal.

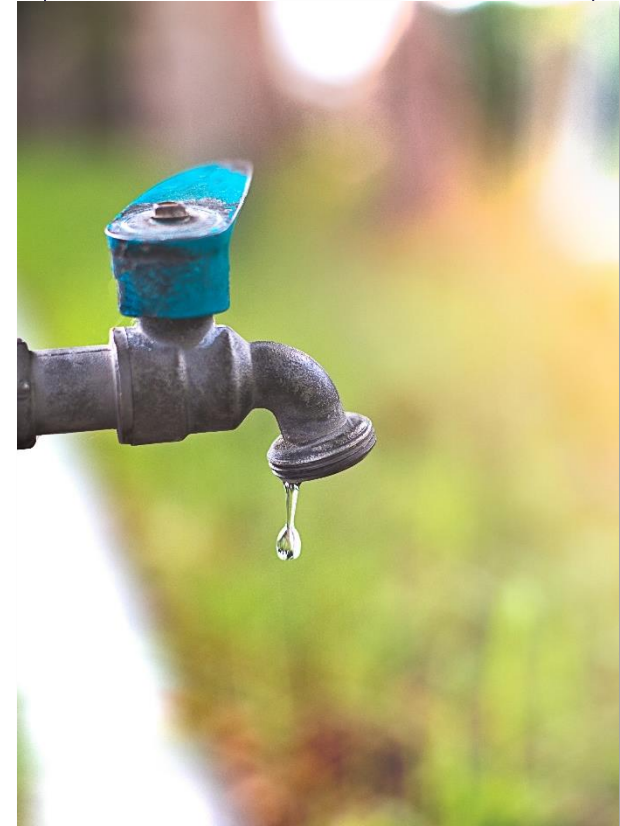


Remember that anything you throw or store on the ground or put down the toilet will find its way into waterways.

If you observe a chemical spill, call the PA Department of Environmental Protection at 800-541-2050.

HOMEOWNER'S GUIDE:

Water Conservation in the Home



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This program is funded by the PA Department of Environmental Protection's Source Water Protection Technical Assistance Program.

DID YOU KNOW:

Pennsylvania uses an average of 62 gallons of water per person, per day.

A simple dripping faucet can waste **10 gallons** of water every day if not addressed.

Conserving water in your home is an important water protection strategy that also comes with cost saving benefits!



Easy Water Conservation Measures to Try:



Only run the washing machine or dishwasher with full loads.



Always remember to turn off the water while you brush your teeth.



Take a shorter shower. The average shower is 8 minutes; aim for 5.



Be sure to fix leaks and running toilets when you first notice them.



Water your plants in the cool of morning/evening. And only water the lawn if it is necessary.



Skip washing your car at home (116gal) and head to a car wash that uses 16.2gal on average.

Choose WaterSense:

When replacing at-home water fixtures or appliances, look for the WaterSense Logo! Run by the EPA, WaterSense products are certified to use at least 20% less water, save energy, and perform as well or better than regular models. Updating fixtures and appliances is an easy way to reduce your water consumption as well as your energy bill.



More Helpful Tips

Scan the QR code to access the WaterSense website for helpful tips that range from draught tolerant landscaping to low-flow shower heads.



Outdoor residential water use across the U.S. accounts for more than 8 billion gallons of water every day. We all have an important part to play in conserving water.

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The members of your water system work around the clock to provide top quality tap water to every tap. It is a task that we take very seriously. For more information, contact us.