



## Protect the **SOURCE**

**Source Water Protection Week**  
Sept. 24–30, 2023

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September 24-30 is Source Water Protection Week! Let's unite to safeguard our precious water sources. By keeping rivers, lakes and groundwater pollution-free, we ensure safe and healthy drinking water for everyone.

Protecting our drinking water sources reduces health risks and controls treatment costs. It's a win-win for better health and savings. Let's prioritize source water protection!

Collaboration is key! During Source Water Protection Week, let's explore partnerships that promote clean and safe source water for all. Together, we can make a significant difference. Join us in protecting our water resources!

When we tackle water quality concerns at the source, we create a positive impact on our natural environment. Clean water benefits plants, trees and wildlife, ensuring a thriving ecosystem. Let's take action today!

Our community relies on a reliable supply of safe drinking water for our health and economy. Join us in preserving this invaluable resource for present and future generations. Together, we can make a lasting impact.

# The Flow

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Conserving watersheds and preventing pollution are vital steps towards securing a sustainable future. Let's prioritize source water protection to ensure community health and economic vitality for years to come.

At Springfield Water & Sewer Commission, we're proud to provide you with safe, clean drinking water every day. Join us in our mission to protect source water during Source Water Protection Week. Together, we ensure a sustainable water future.

Did you know that by working together, we can safeguard our water sources? Join SWSC this Source Water Protection Week as we raise awareness about the importance of protecting our drinking water.

As your trusted water utility, we're committed to protecting our water sources.

# Quality Water

## - Not to be Taken Granted For

“In 2020, 74% of the global population (5.8 billion people) used a safely managed drinking-water service – that is, one located on premises, available when needed, and free from contamination.” - World Health Organization



Just try to imagine what life would be like without easy access to clean water. There would be no fountains to quench your thirst when you're out on a hot day. No more pools, and no more lakes and rivers clean enough for recreational activities. No more hour long showers. No more drinking water straight from the tap, or even filtering it through your Brita. No more running water in your house, period. In short, our lives would be totally different, and not for the better.

Please take a moment to consider how important these water sources are not just to humans, but also to the other inhabitants of these ecosystems— whether it be the fish that live in the waters or the plants and animals that rely on these lakes and rivers for water just like we do. By thinking about the little things that you do on a daily basis that could have a negative effect on water quality, you'll be one step closer to making a difference.

There are easily thousands of factors that can have a negative impact on the quality of your local water sources ranging from industrial pollutants like metal particulate, oils, and other chemicals to the pesticides we use in our own backyards.

Since there are a limited amount of sources we get our water from, and we have yet to find a way to manufacture water, it's vitally important to protect these sources. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), The Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA), Clean Water Act (CWA), and the water utility companies themselves all play a part in making sure that the water that comes from our taps is always safe for use.