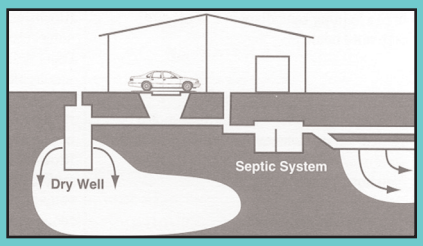
Proper Management of Class V Wells Protects Your Drinking Water

How Do Class V Wells Threaten Your Drinking Water?

Class V Wells are typically shallow disposal systems used to place fluids below the land surface. ***Examples include: motor vehicle waste disposal wells, large capacity cesspools, storm water drainage wells, aquifer remediation wells, and large capacity septic systems.***



- Improper management of Class V wells can potentially contaminate drinking water supplies by allowing contaminants to enter your drinking water.
- If your drinking water becomes contaminated due to mismanaged Class V wells, you may need to drill a new well or if you are the owner of the Class V well, pay thousands of dollars for cleaning up costs.

What Can You Do?

- Register your Class V well(s) with US EPA Region 5 at: http://www.epa.gov/safewater/uic/7520s.html
- Follow all recommendations to properly manage your Class V well(s) from US EPA or MN Dept. of Health (MDH).
- Contact the Township to determine if your Class V well is located within a Drinking Water Protection Area.
- Route waste to approved holding tank(s) and disposing of it properly off-site or convert to a "dry shop".
- Regularly maintain all allowed and/or waivered shallow disposal wells.

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