

What YOU Can Do to Protect Your Source of Drinking Water



Automotive

DO

- 💧 Recycle used oil & antifreeze at service stations.
- 💧 Have automotive fluid leaks fixed.
- 💧 Clean up spills immediately.
- 💧 Drive only when necessary.

DON'T

- X Pour used oil, antifreeze or other chemicals on the ground or down a storm drain.



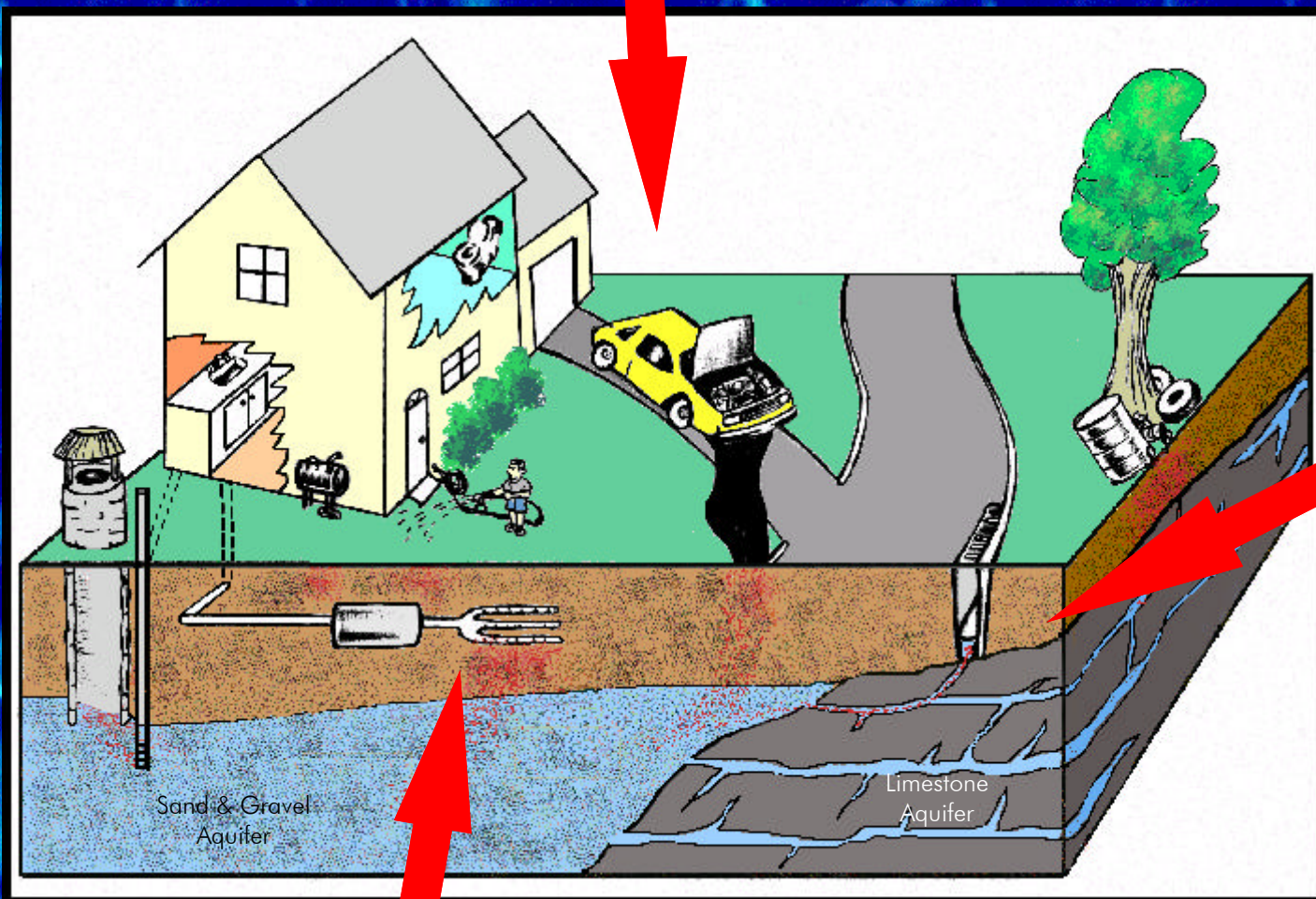
Yard Maintenance

DO

- 💧 Apply chemicals only as directed. More is not always better!
- 💧 Cultivate plants which discourage pests. This reduces pesticide usage.
- 💧 Leave lawn clippings on lawn or compost them.
- 💧 Pull weeds by hand.
- 💧 Clean up after pets.

DON'T

- X Overapply fertilizers, herbicides or pesticides.
- X Use gas-powered leaf blowers or weed wackers.



Storm Drains

DO

- 💧 Take unwanted chemicals to hazardous waste collection sites.

DON'T

- X Pour chemicals into storm drains, drainage ditches, or sinkholes.



Plumbing/Septic Systems

DO

- 💧 Have your septic tank inspected annually.
- 💧 Have your septic tank pumped at LEAST every five years.
- 💧 Use phosphate free detergents.
- 💧 Take unwanted chemicals to hazardous waste collection sites.

DON'T

- X Pour chemicals down the drain.
- X Use toilets as trash cans.
- X Use septic system additives or "cleaners."



Additional Water Protection Ideas

- 💧 If you have a fuel oil tank, make sure it is not leaking. You can also install a concrete bermed pad under the tank to catch any accidental spills or leaks.
- 💧 Hire someone to seal properly all unused water wells on your property.
- 💧 Write or call your elected representatives about your interest in protecting water resources.
- 💧 Don't litter.



For more information about Source Water Protection Contact
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