

GROUNDWATER POLLUTION CONTROL INFORMATION

Groundwater quality is affected by whatever enters the ground or water: salts, pesticides, fertilizers, oils chemicals, fluids, and acids from vehicles, drainage from mines. Each of these sources is regulated separately and its regulation is enforced by a separate State agency.

We determined that the regulations in place at the State level are sufficient to prevent pollution of our ground water system. Further, it is our feeling that an additional ordinance at the town level would add complication and confusion.

We have compiled a list of the State agencies that monitor and/or regulate the various pollution sources. The list also includes appropriate phone numbers to give guidance about how to reach each agency.

Source: Oil storage tank.

Agency: Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)

Information: 207-941-4570

Source: Oil spills.

Agency: DEP Bureau of Remediation and Waste Management (BR&WM)

Emergency: 800-482-0777

Information: 207-287-7856

Source: Poisons and Toxins

Agency: Poison Control Center

Emergency: 800-222-1222

Source: Pest Control Recommendations

Agency: UME Cooperative Extension

Information: 800-287-0279

Source: Pesticide and hazardous materials spill response

Agency: DEP B R&WM

Emergency: 800-452-4664

Source: Pesticide (fungicide, herbicide, insecticide) guidance

Agency: Board of Pesticides Control

Information: 207-287-2731

Source: Excavations, quarries, & metallic mineral mines

Agency: Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)
Information: 207-287-5786

Source: Farm wastes

Agency: Department of Agriculture (DAG)
Information: 207-287-7531

Source: Septic spills

Agency: Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Subsurface Wastes
Information: 207-287-5688

Source: Marine spills, discharges

Agency: Department of Marine Resources (DMR)

Source: General

Agency: Municipal Assistance DEP 207-287-3901

Agency: Center for Disease Control (DHHS) (model ordinance) 207-287-5681

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