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**
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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