

Source Water Protection

What does this sign mean?



Using Source Water Protection
Plans to educate your customers
about drinking water!

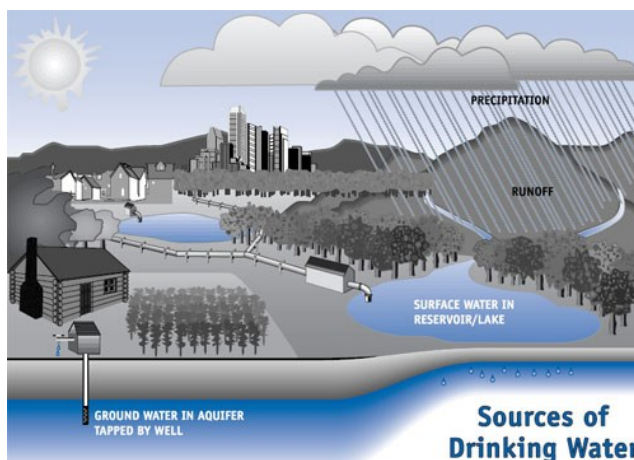
LRWA can...

- Provide on-site technical assistance to water systems that use either ground or surface water as their source of water at NO CHARGE.
- Assist water systems in updating their Source Water Assessment Report (SWAP) and Contingency Plans, which can identify possible hazards to your drinking water sources.
- Assist coordinating efforts by forming partnerships between multiple jurisdictions, such as multiple public water systems utilizing a common source.
- Provide outreach materials.
- Provide on-site presentations to local officials, schools, community civic groups/organizations, and the general public.
- Assist in the development, implementation and sustainability of Source Water Protection Plans.

Our drinking water comes from either surface water or groundwater.

Surface Water: Water that collects in streams, rivers, lakes, and reservoirs

Groundwater: Water that flows beneath the Earth's surface replenished by rain and snow melt; the source for drinking water wells.



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SOURCE WATER PROTECTION

FOR DRINKING WATER SYSTEMS IN LOUISIANA

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The Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) Amendments of 1996 emphasize pollution prevention to ensure safe drinking water, focusing on the protection of water sources. In order to achieve such protection, all states were required to develop Source Water Assessment Programs (SWAP) which included delineation and inventory of source water protection areas.

Source Water Protection is a voluntary, proactive approach to prevent pollution to our drinking water supplies. The best means of protecting drinking water is at the local level through community involvement.

A Source Water Protection Plan begins when local governments and communities create steering committees comprised of people who represent the various interests in the Source Water Protection Area. Typical committees are made of community members representing the public, farmers, industry, business, local governments and public water systems.

Program Plan development and technical assistance is available from the **Louisiana Rural Water Association**.



Some protection activities that can be included in Source Water Protection Plans...



Community Clean Up Day.



Storm Drain Markers



Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day



Your customers will learn...

- Where does my drinking water come from?
- Why they should protect it and how.
- How do I know my water is safe to drink?
- How is my water treated?
- Who takes care of my water system?
- Why do I have to pay for my water?
- How can I conserve water?
- What are Cross-Connections?
- What if I have a private well?
- And much more.

Ordinances

Providing setbacks from drinking water sources

Protecting Our Drinking Water for Future Generations