

EDINBURGH WATER UTILITY – PROTECTING YOUR DRINKING WATER

To help protect the groundwater and our water supply wells from potential contamination, the Edinburgh Water Utility is currently implementing a Wellhead Protection (WHP) Plan. The WHP Plan focuses on public awareness, education, spill prevention and reporting. Refer to the Town website (<https://www.edinburgh.in.us/departments/division.php?structureid=42>) for more information on the WHP program. For your reference, a complete copy of Edinburgh's WHP Plan is available at the Administrative Office located at 107 S. Holland Street in Edinburgh, IN.

The local planning team holds regular meetings to discuss management strategies that will be carried out during the current five-year implementation period. Edinburgh's next WHP Plan Update will be due to the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) on August 3, 2021.

All residents are reminded to help protect groundwater by:

- Learn about groundwater and your water source.
- Participate in watershed clean-up activities.
- Limit your use of chemicals, fertilizers, pesticides, and other hazardous products. Buy only what you need, reducing the amount to be later discarded. Be sure to follow label directions.
- Recycle used oil, automotive fluids, batteries, and other products. Don't dispose of hazardous products in toilets, storm drains, wastewater systems, creeks, alleys, or the ground. This pollutes the water supply. Contact the Johnson County Recycling District for recycling and household hazardous waste disposal opportunities at 317-738-2546 or visit their website (<https://jcrd.org/>).
- Check your car, boat, motorcycle and other machinery for leaks and spills. Collect leaks with a drip pan until repairs can be made. Clean up spills by absorbing the spill. Do not rinse with water or allow it to soak into the ground.
- If you have a septic system, have it inspected and serviced every three years.
- Plug abandoned wells on your property as these old wells provide a direct route for surface contamination to reach ground water supplies. Contact a licensed well driller for assistance.
- Keep in mind that groundwater aquifers collect and store rainwater and snowmelt that soaks into the ground.