

Wellhead protection is becoming more and more important across our area as more wells are developed and more contamination sources are discovered. This page will contain information that helps define what activities might affect the public water supply in our area, and what can be done to help prevent contamination to it.

FRANKFORT MUNICIPAL UTILITIES WATER WORKS

WELLHEAD PROTECTION PROGRAM

To help protect the groundwater and our water supply wells from potential contamination, the Frankfort Municipal Utilities (FMU) is currently implementing a Wellhead Protection Plan (WHP). The WHP Plan focuses on public awareness, education, spill prevention, and reporting. Refer to the [WHP brochure](#) for more information. For your reference, a complete copy of Frankfort's WHP Plan is available at the Water Works office located at 2105 W. Armstrong Road, in Frankfort, Indiana. We believe that an effective program of pollution prevention is everyone's responsibility. By assisting us in this endeavor, you help ensure that the residents of Frankfort and surrounding communities will have a safe water supply now and in the future. For more information or to join the local planning team and assist with the implementation of the WHP Plan, contact the Frankfort Water Works at 765-654-5556.

CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT

The Consumer Confidence Report (or Annual Drinking Water Quality Report) is provided to water utility customers each year and is designed to keep customers informed about the water utility and the quality of the drinking water over the previous year. The Frankfort Water Works goal is to provide the community with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. The most recent Consumer Confidence Report is available at the Water Works Office, or by clicking on the Useful Links tab on the Water Works website.

HOUSEHOLD TIPS FOR PROTECTING OUR DRINKING WATER SUPPLY

Reduce the amount of fertilizers, pesticides, or other hazardous chemicals that you use. Buy only what you need so that you don't have to dispose of leftovers. Read all the labels and follow directions.

Properly plug and abandon water wells that are no longer in use.

If you have a septic system, have it serviced regularly.

Reduce the use of products that contain any of the following words on their labels: caution, warning, danger, poison, flammable, volatile, caustic, or corrosive.

Recycle used oil, automotive fluids, batteries, household hazardous wastes, and other products. Don't dispose of hazardous products in toilets, storm drains, wastewater systems, creeks, alleys, or on the ground. This pollutes the water supply. Refer to the [Street Department's website](#) or the [Clinton County Wild Cat Solid Waste District website](#) on recycling events and activities.

Refer to the Purdue University [Managing Farm Chemicals](#) brochure for more information on the proper management of farm chemicals.

PRIVATE SEPTIC SYSTEMS

As a part of the WHP Program, septic systems within the WHP area were identified. Leachate from an improperly maintained septic system has the potential to directly affect groundwater used for our public water supply. Refer to the [Homeowner's Guide Septic Systems](#) brochure for information regarding the proper functioning and maintenance of your septic system. Additional septic system information is provided by the Purdue University [Cooperative Extension Service](#). The Extension Service provides guides on extending the longevity of your system, failures, permits, and installation.

ABANDONED, ACTIVE, AND INACTIVE WATER WELLS

The Frankfort Water Works Department is attempting to identify active, inactive, and abandoned wells within the WHP area. Damaged wells can become a direct conduit for surface contamination to reach the underlying aquifer. We ask for your assistance in identifying abandoned or inactive wells on your property. Please contact the Frankfort Water Works with relevant information.

Water wells are abandoned if the original purpose and use of the well has been discontinued for more than 5 years or if the well is in a state of disrepair. If the well was abandoned after January 11, 1988, a licensed water well driller must be used to plug the well. The licensed driller will complete a record of the abandonment and submit it to the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (IDNR). If a well was abandoned prior to 1988, refer to the [Plugging & Sealing Abandoned Water Wells](#) brochure provided the IDNR.