

What YOU Can Do to Protect Your Source of Drinking Water



Automotive

DO

- Recycle used oil & antifreeze at service stations.
- Have automotive fluid leaks fixed.
- Clean up spills immediately.
- Drive only when necessary.

DON'T

- **Pour used oil, antifreeze or other chemicals on the ground or down a storm drain.**



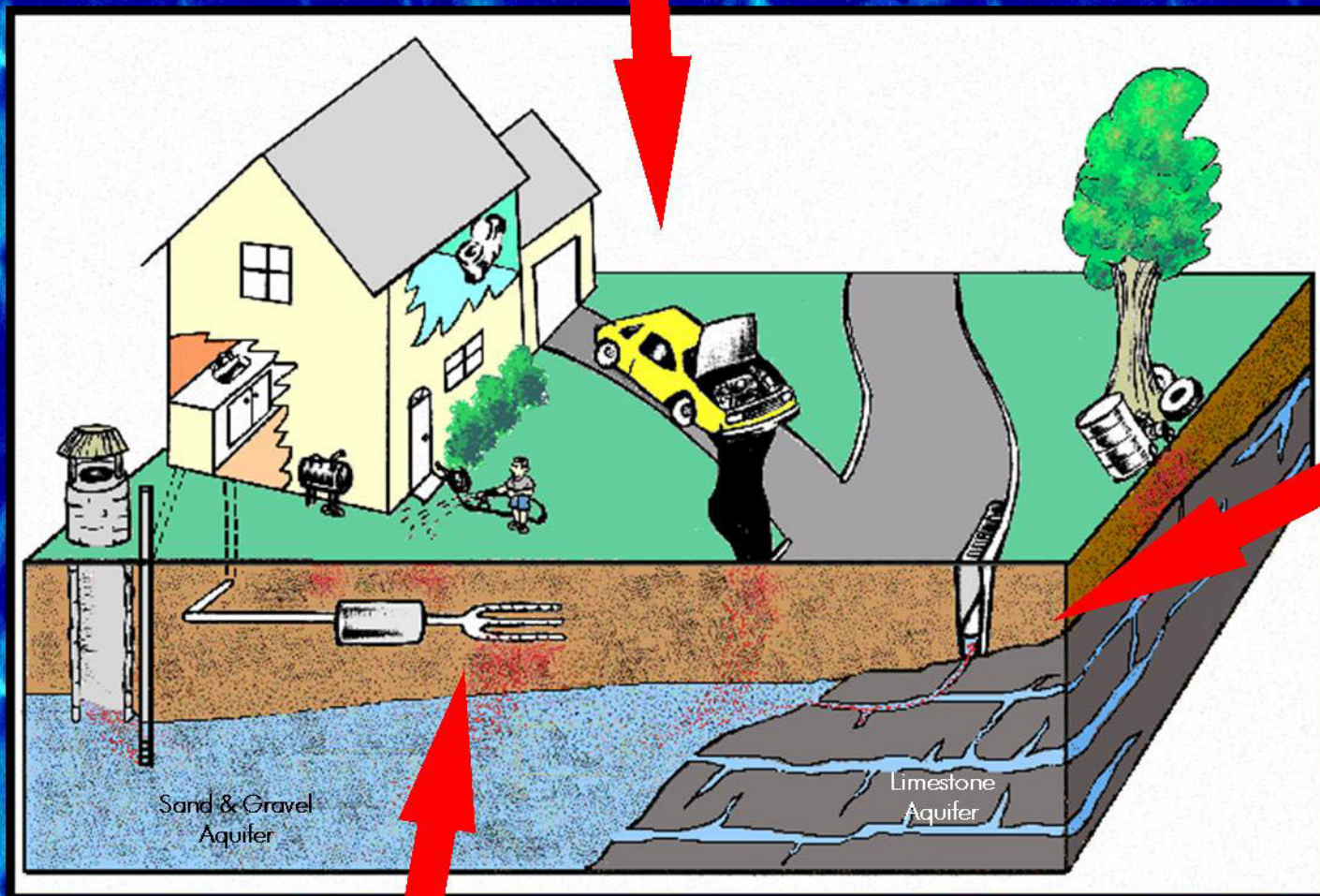
Yard Maintenance

DO

- Apply chemicals only as directed. More is not always better!
- Cultivate plants which discourage pests. This reduces pesticide usage.
- Leave lawn clippings on lawn or compost them.
- Pull weeds by hand.
- Clean up after pets.

DON'T

- **Overapply fertilizers, herbicides, or pesticides.**



Storm Drains

DO

- Take unwanted chemicals to hazardous waste collection sites.

DON'T

- **Pour chemicals into storm drains, drainage ditches, or sinkholes.**



Plumbing/Septic Systems

DO

- Have your septic tank inspected annually.
- Have your septic tank pumped at **LEAST** every five years.
- Use phosphate free detergents.
- Take unwanted chemicals to hazardous waste collection sites.

DON'T

- **Pour chemicals down the drain.**
- **Use toilets as trash cans.**
- **Use septic system additives or "cleaners."**



Additional Water Protection Ideas

DO

- If you have a heating fuel oil tank, make sure it is not leaking. You can also install a concrete bermed pad under the tank to catch any accidental spills or leaks.
- Hire someone to seal properly all unused water wells on your property.
- Write or call your elected representatives about your interest in protecting water resources.
- **Don't litter.**

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