

We ask that our customers help us to protect our water resources, which are the heart of our community, our way of life and our children's future.

### **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.
- Use organic lawn and garden alternatives that do not contain synthetic chemical poisons. 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, 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.
- Store your household hazardous waste for Tox-Away Day, held each spring at the Putnam County Fairgrounds. For more information call 1-800-211-2750.

### **CALL BEFORE YOU DIG!**

Underground utilities may be dangerous if encountered while digging. Before digging holes on your property, for things such as putting in a new mailbox or planting trees and shrubs, call Holey Moley at 1-800-382-5544. You must call at least two full working days before you dig to locate underground utilities.

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Bainbridge Utilities is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

### **MORE INFORMATION**

- For more information on Wellhead Protection, contact Mr. Jim Nelson at (765) 522-6238.
- To learn more about groundwater protection and other drinking water resources, contact the Indiana Department of Environmental Management at (317) 308-3388 or visit their website at [www.in.gov/idem](http://www.in.gov/idem)

We want our valued customers to be informed about their water utility. If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please contact Mr. Jim Nelson at (765) 522-6238. If you want to learn more, you are welcome to attend any of our regularly scheduled Utility Board meetings that are held on the second Thursday of each month at 6:00 PM.

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**2008 Annual Drinking Water  
Quality Report**



**Bainbridge Utilities**  
*Bainbridge, Indiana*

Bainbridge Utilities is pleased to present this year's Annual Drinking Water Quality Report. This report is designed to keep you informed about the quality of your drinking water over the past year. Our goal is, and always has been, to provide you, the customer, with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We are pleased to report that our water is safe and meets all federal and state requirements.

### **WELLHEAD PROTECTION**

The source of Bainbridge's drinking water is groundwater produced from three wells located at two separate well fields. To help protect our water supply wells from potential contamination, Bainbridge Utilities is currently implementing a Wellhead Protection Plan. The Wellhead Protection Plan focuses on public awareness and education and spill prevention and reporting. Emergency responders have been trained in spill response procedures. Educational information has been mailed to landowners and businesses in and around the Wellhead Protection Areas. The Wellhead Protection Plan and other educational materials are available to the public at the Bainbridge Utilities Office.