

Well Protection

Description

The way materials are handled near a water supply and the distance of possible contaminants from a well or other water source can have a dramatic effect on the quality of drinking water on the farm. If pesticides are typically mixed near the well, the risk of contaminating the drinking water supply increases. To protect wells from contamination, take an inventory of farming practices, including pesticide mixing, container washing, and disposal methods. Follow up by assessing the risk of contamination and making needed changes.

Benefits

- Farm modifications may improve efficiency and reduce operating and production costs.
- The drinking water supply and other water resources will be protected from contamination.