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The City of Nashwauk has completed an amendment to its Wellhead Protection Plan, which is designed to protect the municipal drinking water supply. The plan includes:

- A map of the wellhead protection area,
- An inventory of potential sources of contamination that could pollute the drinking water supply,
- A plan to manage and monitor existing potential sources of contamination,
- An emergency response plan and more.

Residents and business owners are essential to the success of our plan. You can participate in the following activities:

- Identify potential contamination sources on your property like wells, tanks, septic systems, hazardous wastes.
- Dispose of hazardous products when no longer needed. You can identify these products by looking for these words on the label: caution, warning, danger, poison, flammable, corrosive, toxic, contains acid, lye, or petroleum distillates. **Don't throw them in the trash or pour them down the drain.** As an Itasca County resident, you may participate in the County's household hazardous waste collection. Contact Itasca County's Environmental Services department at 218-327-2857 to set up an appointment for collection.
- Don't flush medicines down the drain. Pharmaceuticals can pollute our water. Instead, bring unwanted meds to the Police Department. They'll dispose of them at no charge.
- If you are heating with fuel oil, consider switching to a heating system that uses natural gas or propane.
- Seal any unused wells on your property according to the Minnesota Well Code.

Thank you for helping us ensure a safe drinking water supply for generations to come. Public water suppliers are required to develop Wellhead Protection Plans as stated in the Minnesota Groundwater Protection Act and the federal Safe Drinking Water Act. The plans must be updated every 10 years. If you are interested in reviewing the updated Wellhead Protection Plan, it can be found on our website at [www.cityofnashwauk.com](http://www.cityofnashwauk.com).

Kind regards,

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City Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer