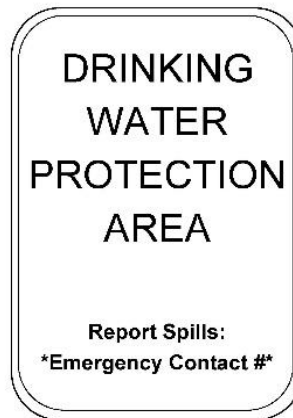


Sign Up for Source Water Protection ADH to Provide Drinking Water Protection Area Signs

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Arkansas's high-quality groundwater and surface water resources provide public drinking water, often with minimal treatment. Source Water Protection is an important tool for safeguarding our public drinking water sources. Participation from the local communities greatly enhances Source Water Protection efforts.

Each municipality has resources available to educate themselves about Source Water Protection. ADH can provide reports, maps, assistance with finding funding, establishing ordinances and resolutions, developing emergency plans, and public outreach materials. These resources can be used as tools for educating the public and increasing public participation. ADH Source Water Protection staff are available to assist any municipality with developing a Source Water Protection Plan.

ADH-Engineering is now offering FREE DRINKING WATER PROTECTION AREA SIGNS to any public water system to increase public awareness about their drinking water. Systems must fill out an ADH application and contact their local ARDOT district for approval of the sign locations. ADH Source Water Protection staff provide maps with the sign locations on them that can be sent to ARDOT for their approval. Signs are typically placed on major routes of travel in areas with high visibility. So far, thirteen public water systems have requested applications from ADH, and three systems have returned their completed applications. ADH is ordering these signs with the system-specific emergency numbers delivered to you with no cost on your part. ADH hopes to provide signs to 100 systems per year; we encourage systems to participate in this program.

Direct any questions or request an application by contacting Kyle Johnson, source water protection specialist, at Steven.Johnson@arkansas.gov or at 501-661-2623.

NOTICE

The Arkansas Department of Health/Office of Oral Health has grant money available to upgrade old and outdated water fluoridation equipment. If you are interested, please send the following documents: engineering plans/schematic for engineering approval, a list of materials to be purchased for the project, and a letter of interest printed on municipal stationery. For more information, contact the director of the Office of Oral Health:

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