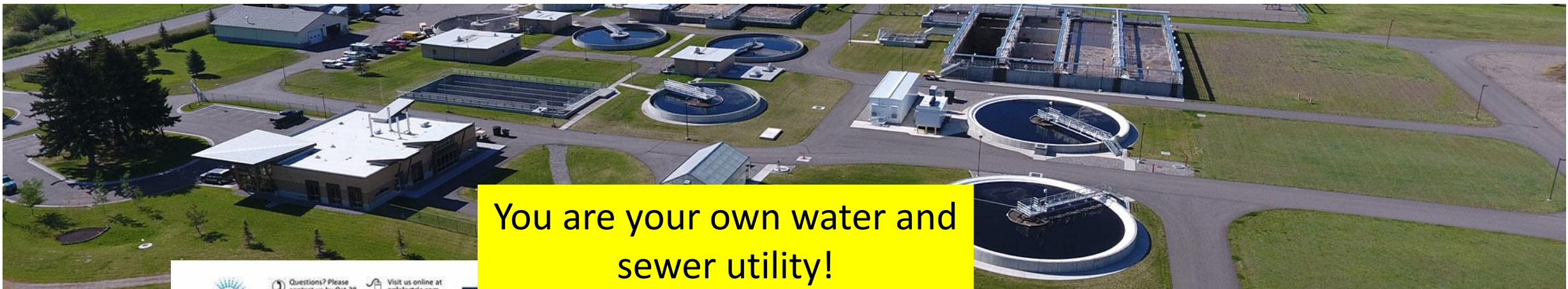


# Gallatin Local Water Quality District

2024 Well Testing Workshop

Gallatin Gateway, Montana May 23<sup>rd</sup> 2024





You are your own water and sewer utility!

Questions? Please contact us by Oct 28.  
1-800-DIAL-PPL  
(1-800-342-5775)  
M-F: 8am to 5pm

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ppl electric.com

**Your Electric Usage Profile**

Service to:  
CUSTOMER  
123 MAIN ST  
ANYTOWN, PA 18062  
Meter: 00000000  
Your next meter reading is on or about Nov 3, 2014.

This section helps you understand your year-to-year electric use by month. Meter readings are actual unless otherwise noted.

Month	2013 (kWh)	2014 (kWh)
J	65	55
F	55	50
M	50	45
A	45	40
M	40	35
J	35	30
J	30	25
A	25	20
S	20	15
O	15	10
N	10	5
D	5	0

Monthly Comparison	Days Billed	kWh	Average kWh/Day	Average Temp.
Oct 2014	30	1404	47	64F
Oct 2013	30	1405	47	62F

Billing Period	Type	Reading
Oct 3	Actual	36426
Sep 3	Actual	35022
30 Days	kWh Billed	1404

Yearly Comparison	Total Use	Avg. Monthly
Nov 2013 - Oct 2014	18494	1541

**Billing Summary** (Billing details on back)

Balance as of Oct 7, 2014 \$0.00

Charges:

Total Electric Supplier 1234 Charges	\$111.34
Total PPL Electric Utilities Charges	\$61.47
<b>Total Charges</b>	<b>\$172.81</b>

**Amount Due By Oct 28, 2014 \$172.81**

Account Balance \$172.81

PPL Electric Utilities' price to compare for your rate is \$0.08956 per kWh. This changes the 1st of Mar, Jun, Sept, and Dec. Visit [papowerswitch.com](http://papowerswitch.com) or [www.oca.state.pa.us](http://www.oca.state.pa.us) for supplier offers.

**Your Message Center**

- Information about appliance energy use and tips on saving energy are available through the Energy Library on our Web site, [ppl electric.com/e-power](http://ppl electric.com/e-power)
- Before digging around your home or property, you should always call the state's One Call notification system to locate any underground utility lines. You can do this by simply dialing 811, which will connect you to the One Call system. Be safe and call 811 before you dig.
- Keep light bulbs and fixtures clean. Dust and dirt absorb light and can reduce light output by as much as half.

**Payment Methods**

Online at: [ppl electric.com](http://ppl electric.com)

By phone: 1-800-342-5775 or call BillMatrix (service fee applies) at 1-800-672-2413 to pay using Visa, MasterCard, Discover or debit card.

By Mail: 2 North 9th Street CPC-GENN1 Allentown, PA 18101-1175

Correspondence should be sent to: Customer Services 827 Hausman Road Allentown, PA 18104-9392

Other important information on the back of this bill →

Return this stub in the envelope provided with a check payable to PPL Electric Utilities.

Bill Acct. No.	Due Date	Amount Due
00000-00000	Oct 28, 2014	\$172.81

Amount Enclosed:

PPL ELECTRIC UTILITIES  
 2 NORTH 9TH STREET CPC-GENN1  
 ALLENTOWN, PA 18101-1175

CUSTOMER  
 123 MAIN ST  
 ANYTOWN, PA 18062



Please note: Septic systems vary. Diagram is not to scale.



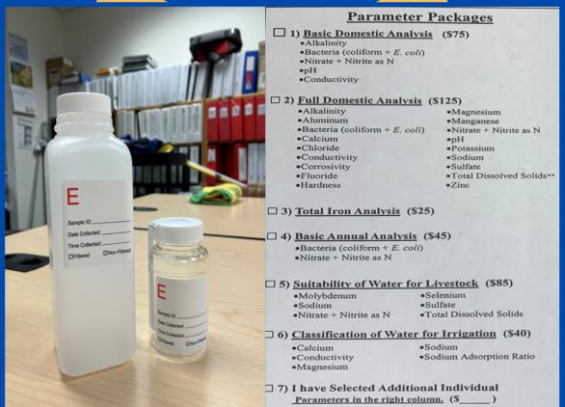
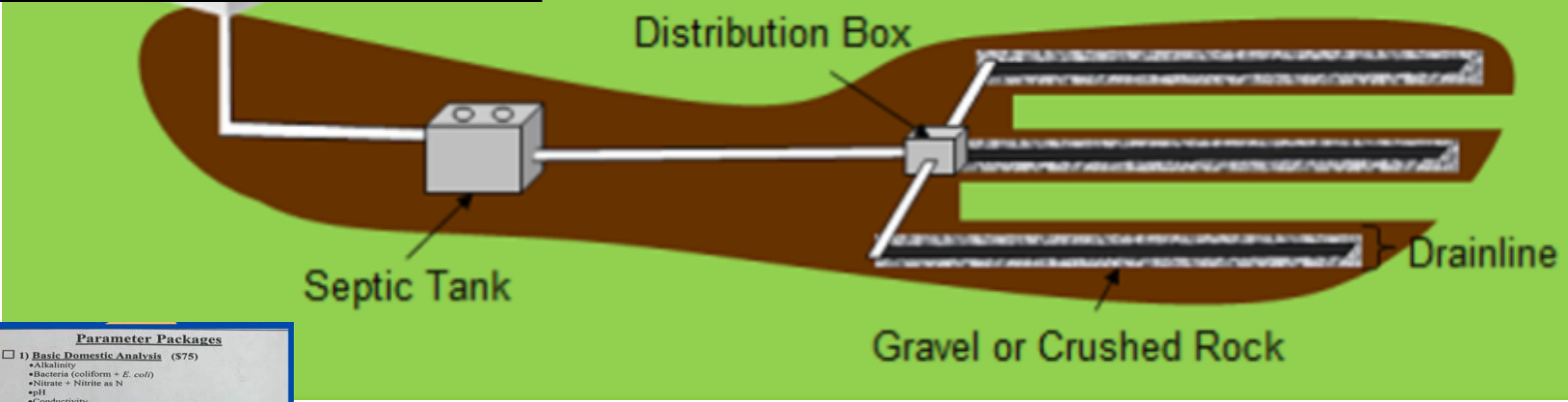


Average cost of well  
in Gallatin Valley:  
\$7,500 for 100ft  
well

Avg cost for well pump:  
\$10,000 good for 8-20  
years



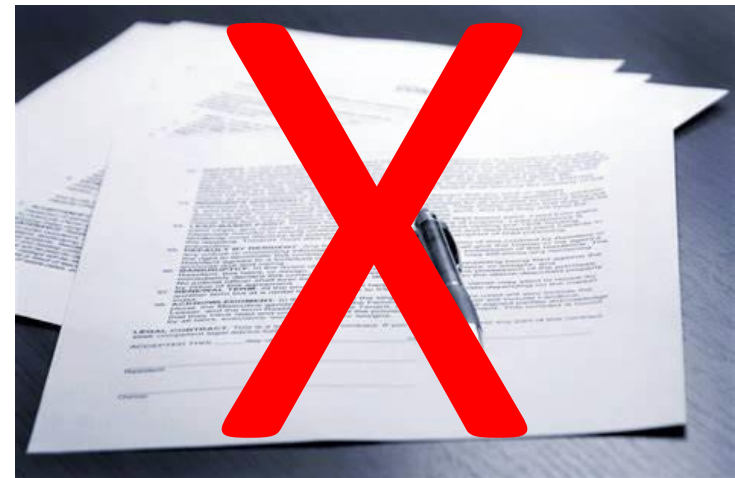
Average cost of replacement for a basic  
septic: \$15,000-\$20,000



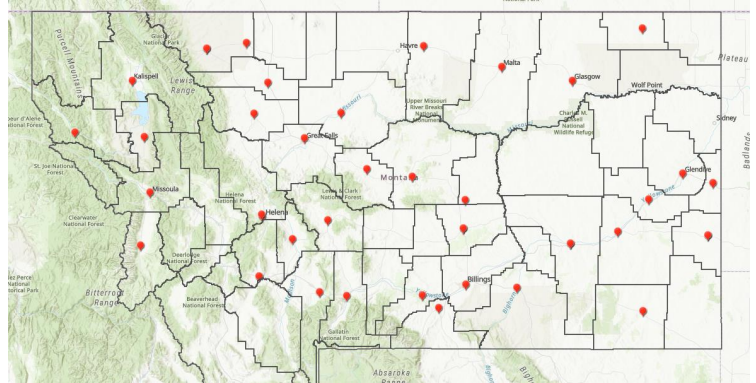
Avg cost well test:  
Nitrate Coliform \$45  
Domestic Analysis \$125

Avg Cost to pump septic system:  
\$300-\$500 every 3-5 years

- Parameter Packages**
- ☐ 1) **Basic Domestic Analysis** (\$75)
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    - Bacteria (coliform + *E. coli*)
    - Nitrate + Nitrite as N
    - pH
    - Conductivity
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    - Chloride
    - Conductivity
    - Corrosivity
    - Fluoride
    - Hardness
    - Magnesium
    - Manganese
    - Nitrate + Nitrite as N
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    - Sodium
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    - Sodium Adsorption Ratio
    - Magnesium
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**LABORATORY ANALYTICAL REPORT**  
Prepared by Billings, MT Branch

Client: MSU Well Educated  
Project:   
Lab ID: E200000001  
Client Sample ID:

Report Date: 05/29/20  
Collection Date: 05/21/20 08:45  
Date Received: 05/21/20  
Matrix: Drinking Water

Analysis	Result	Units	Qualifiers	RL	MCL / GCL Method	Analysis Date / By
<b>PHYSICAL PROPERTIES</b>						
pH	8.0	s.u.	H	0.1	A4300-H B	05/22/20 09:39 / ean
pH Measurement Temp	15	C			A4300-H B	05/22/20 09:39 / ean
Conductivity @ 25 C	877	umho/cm		5	A2103 B	05/22/20 09:39 / ean
Conductivity (Langlier Index)	0.8				A2330 B	05/26/20 14:07 / bas
Solids, Total Dissolved - Calculated	545	mg/L		1	A1030 E	05/26/20 14:07 / bas
-Langier was calculated using a default temperature of 20 degrees C.						
<b>INORGANICS</b>						
Alkalinity, Total as CaCO3	389	mg/L		4	A2320 B	05/22/20 16:36 / ean
Bicarbonate as HCO3	450	mg/L		4	A2320 B	05/22/20 16:36 / ean
Carbonate as CO3	ND	mg/L		4	A2320 B	05/22/20 16:36 / ean
Chloride	18	mg/L		1	E300.0	05/22/20 20:55 / rnc
Sulfate	70	mg/L		1	E300.0	05/22/20 20:55 / rnc
Fluoride	0.3	mg/L		1	E300.0	05/22/20 20:55 / rnc
Hardness as CaCO3	111	mg/L		1	A240.0	05/26/20 12:05 / bas
Sodium Adsorption Ratio (SAR)	6.95	unitless		0.01	Calculation	05/26/20 12:05 / bas
<b>NUTRIENTS</b>						
Nitrogen, Nitrate+Nitrite as N	4.05	mg/L	D	0.02	10 E353.2	05/22/20 11:56 / wh
<b>METALS, ACID-SOLUBLE</b>						
Aluminum	ND	mg/L		0.03	E200.7	05/26/20 12:05 / rh
Arsenic	ND	mg/L		0.001	E200.8	05/23/20 03:52 / pap
Cadmium	ND	mg/L		0.001	E200.8	05/23/20 03:52 / pap
Calcium	28	mg/L		1	E200.8	05/23/20 03:52 / pap
Copper	0.002	mg/L		0.005	E200.8	05/23/20 03:52 / pap
Lead	0.002	mg/L		0.001	E200.8	05/23/20 03:52 / pap
Magnesium	11	mg/L		1	E200.7	05/26/20 12:05 / rh
Manganese	ND	mg/L		0.001	E200.8	05/23/20 03:52 / pap
Potassium	2	mg/L		1	E200.7	05/26/20 12:05 / rh
Selenium	0.002	mg/L		0.001	E200.8	05/23/20 03:52 / pap
Sodium	189	mg/L		1	E200.7	05/26/20 12:05 / rh
Zinc	ND	mg/L		0.01	E200.8	05/23/20 03:52 / pap

**Report Definitions:** RL - Analyte Reporting Limit  
GCL - Quality Control Limit  
D - Reporting Limit (RL) increased due to sample matrix

MCL - Maximum Contaminant Level  
ND - Not detected at the Reporting Limit (RL)  
H - Analysis performed past the method holding time

## Household Use Interpretation



ParticipantName	LabID	ReportDate
Problems, A few	E22990000	Fri Dec 16 2022

Parameters mentioned in this document indicate parameters of health concern and/or non-health related parameters of note (aesthetic/secondary concern) from your water sample. This means certain parameter concentrations in your water sample were outside the ideal range or threshold suggested by the EPA (Maximum Contaminant Level and Secondary Maximum Contaminant Level) or water quality research.

## Human Health Related - Parameters of Concern

Parameter	YourValue	Interpretation	More Info
Fluoride	4.3	unsatisfactory - above 4.0 mg/L health threshold; risk of fluorosis and bone disease	<a href="#">Click here for more info</a>
Manganese	0.4	unsatisfactory - above 0.1 mg/L health-based value for children under 6 and/or above 0.3 mg/L value for adults	<a href="#">Click here for more info</a>
Nitrogen, Nitrate+Nitrite as N	11	unsatisfactory - above 10.0 mg/L health threshold; discontinue use for infants under 1 year of age and persons with cardiovascular conditions	<a href="#">Click here for more info</a>

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## Non-Human Health Related - Parameters of Note

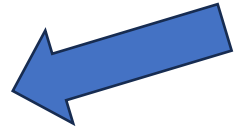
Parameter	YourValue	Interpretation
Alkalinity, Total as CaCO3	204	above ideal range of 100 to 200 mg/L - related to potential scaling
Manganese	0.4	above 0.05 mg/L guideline - may cause black or brown staining and metallic taste

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## More Information

[Click here for more on interpreting your results.](#)  
[Click here for information on water treatment.](#)

Expect your results 3 weeks after shipping



### Inside a Well Testing Kit

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•Sulfate

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[welleducated@montana.edu](mailto:welleducated@montana.edu)



# Locating Well Coordinates

The image is a screenshot of the Google Maps interface. On the left, a sidebar displays information for 'Stacey's Old Faithful Bar & Steakhouse', including its address (300 Mill St, Gallatin Gateway, MT 59730), phone number, and website. A blue arrow labeled 'Step 1: Search home address' points to the search bar at the top. The main map area shows an aerial view of the location, with a red pin marking the bar. A blue arrow labeled 'Step 2: Click for satellite view' points to the 'Layers' button in the bottom left corner. A context menu is open over the pin, showing options like 'Directions from here', 'What's here?', and 'Add a missing place'. A blue arrow labeled 'Step 3: Right click for latitude and longitude' points to the coordinates '45.59059, -111.20278' displayed at the top of this menu.

Step 1: Search home address

Step 2: Click for satellite view

Step 3: Right click for latitude and longitude

45.59059, -111.20278

Directions from here

Directions to here

What's here?

Search nearby

Print

Add a missing place

Add your business

Report a data problem

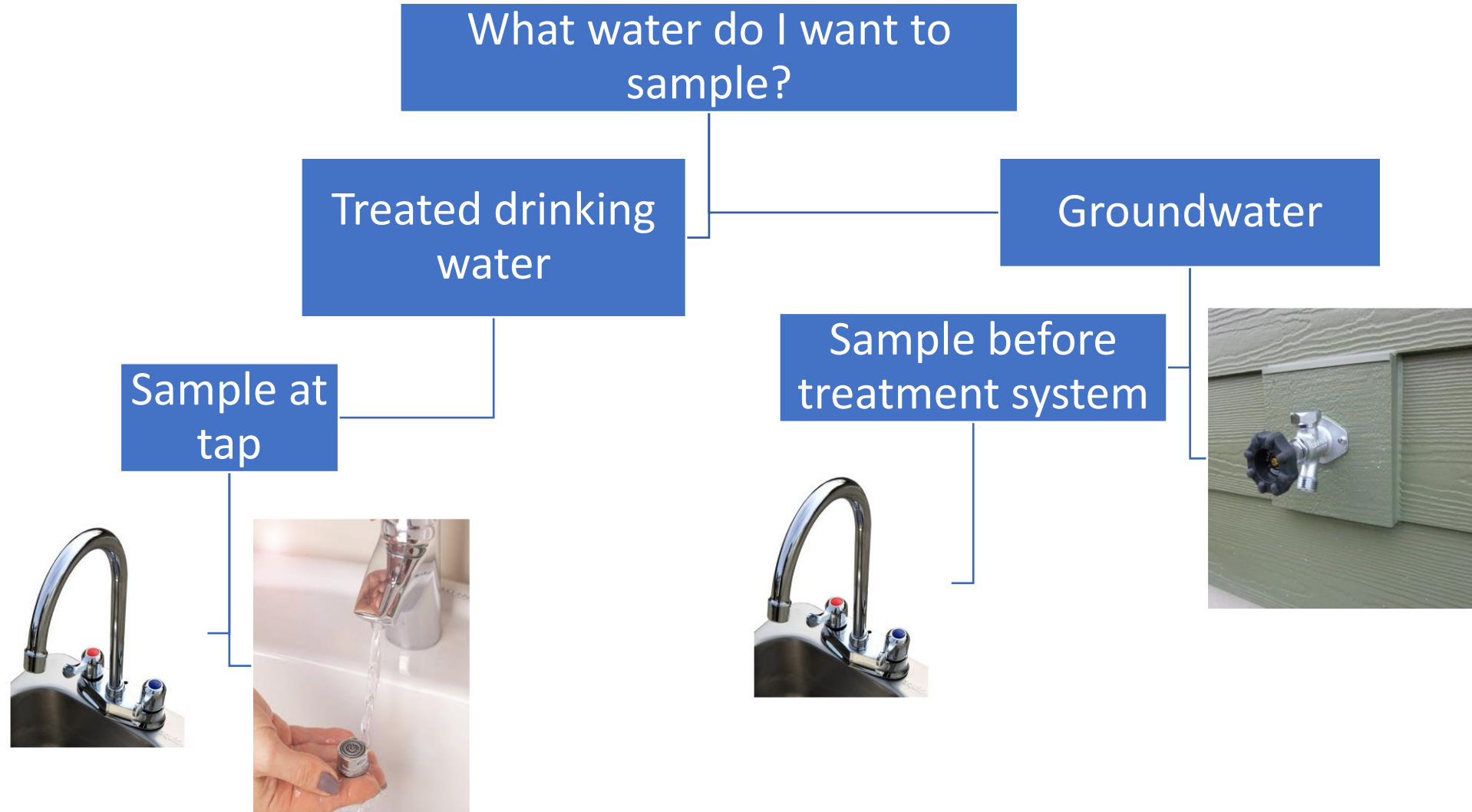
Measure distance



# Locating Well Log- Ground Water Information Center (GWIC)

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=afOlyprvZTo>

# Where do I Sample?





# Ready to sample

Sample Monday-Wednesday  
NOT Holiday weeks!

Sample big  
bottle

Disinfect  
faucet

Let water  
run 2-3  
minutes

Wash your  
hands

Do not  
touch  
interior or  
rim of  
bottle

Fill bottle  
to line

Seal and  
label

Ship



# Shipping your Sample



\$97.00 overnight

Dropoff by: 4:30pm



\$15.00, next day  
Overnight is \$135.00



Cannot guarantee next  
day. 2 days guarantee  
\$50.00

**Ship sample right away after  
collecting sample!**



# Understanding Bacteria Hold Times:



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## LABORATORY ANALYTICAL REPORT

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**Client:** MSU Well Educated  
**Project:** ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~  
**Client Sample ID:** ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~  
**Sampled By:** Not Provided  
**Lab ID:** B20051698-0001

**Report Date:** 05/29/20  
**Collection Date:** 05/26/20 09:45  
**Received Date:** 05/27/20 08:00  
**Matrix:** Drinking Water

Analyses	Result	Units	Safe/Unsafe	Qualifier	Method	Analysis Date / By
<b>MICROBIOLOGICAL</b>						
Coliform, Total	Absent	per 100ml	SAFE	H	A9223 B	05/27/20 13:56 / ean
Coliform, E-Coli	Absent	per 100ml			A9223 B	05/27/20 13:56 / ean

# Understanding Bacteria Hold Times:



<30 hours

32-34 hours

34-40 hours

40+ hours

- **No false positives!**
- If negative result, and passed hold time you can consider testing with Bridger Analytical



# Certified Montana Drinking Water Labs



## Future Testing

### Certified Drinking Water Labs in Montana

Checkmarks indicate the lab has received certification from the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) to analyze the listed parameter or parameter category. You can learn more about this quality assurance process via the DPHHS [Water Laboratory Certification Program webpage](#).

Websites for each laboratory (if available) have been hyperlinked in the lab name.

**\*\*It is important to call the lab before sending samples to get the most up to date information on analyses, costs, and hold times\*\***

### Coating Counties List



- Gallatin County Test 1
  - Gallatin Local Water Mendenhall Bozema
  - Gallatin Conservation 104, Manhattan, MT
  - Bridger Analytical, 75 MT 59718
- State-wide program
  - <https://waterquality.mt.gov>

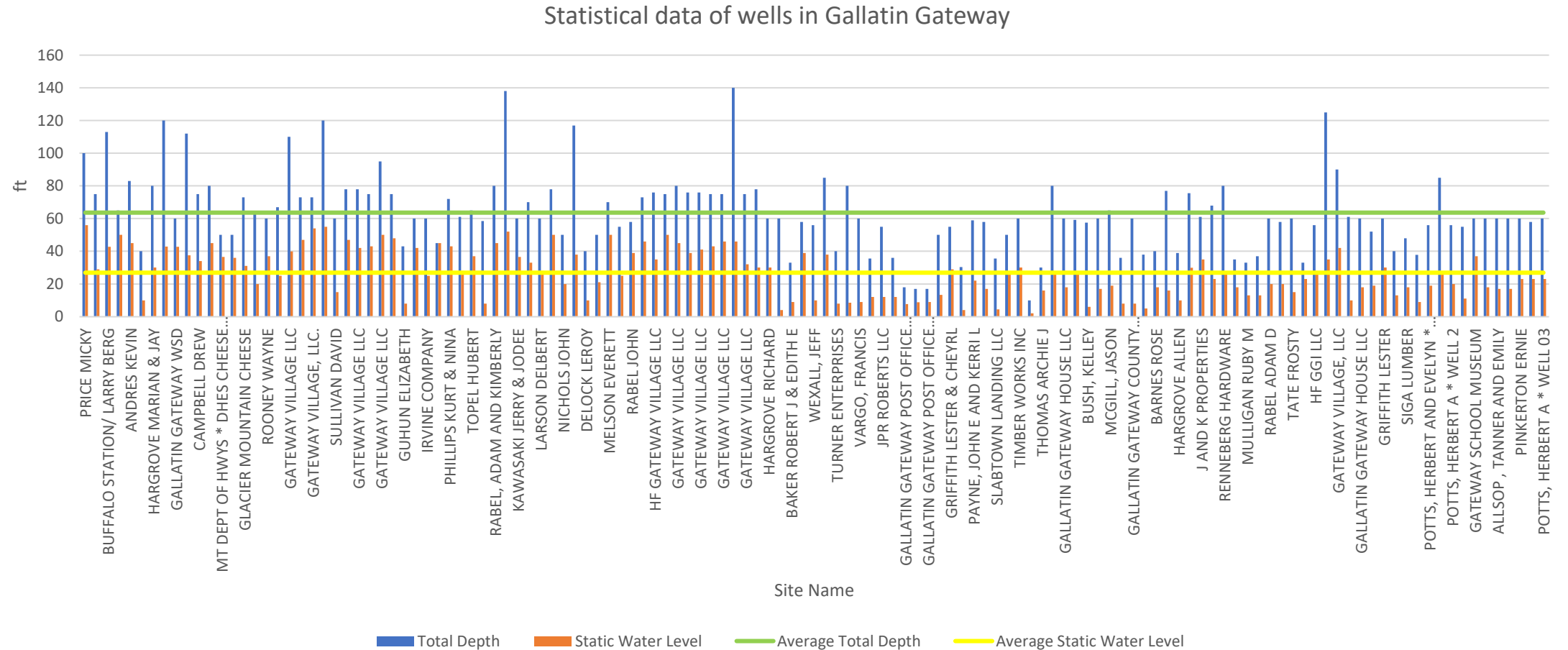
Lab Name	Mailing Address	Phone	Bacteria: E. coli/Total Coliform	Nitrate	Inorganics <sup>1</sup>	Metals <sup>2</sup>	Organic/Synthetic Compounds <sup>3</sup>
<b>Arlee, MT</b>							
<a href="#">Mission Mountain Laboratories</a>	PO Box 606 Arlee, MT 59821	(406) 745-5227	✓	✓	✓	✓	
<b>Billings, MT</b>							
<a href="#">Energy Laboratories - Billings</a>	PO Box 30916 Billings, MT 59107	(406) 252-6325	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>Bozeman, MT</b>							
<a href="#">Bridger Analytical Lab</a>	7539 Pioneer Way Suite B Bozeman, MT 59718	(406) 582-0822	✓	✓	✓	✓	
<b>Butte, MT</b>							
<a href="#">Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology</a>	1300 West Park Butte, MT 59701	(406) 496-4842		✓	✓	✓	

### Interactive Map of County Partner Locations

#### Educated County Contacts: Where to pick up a test kit

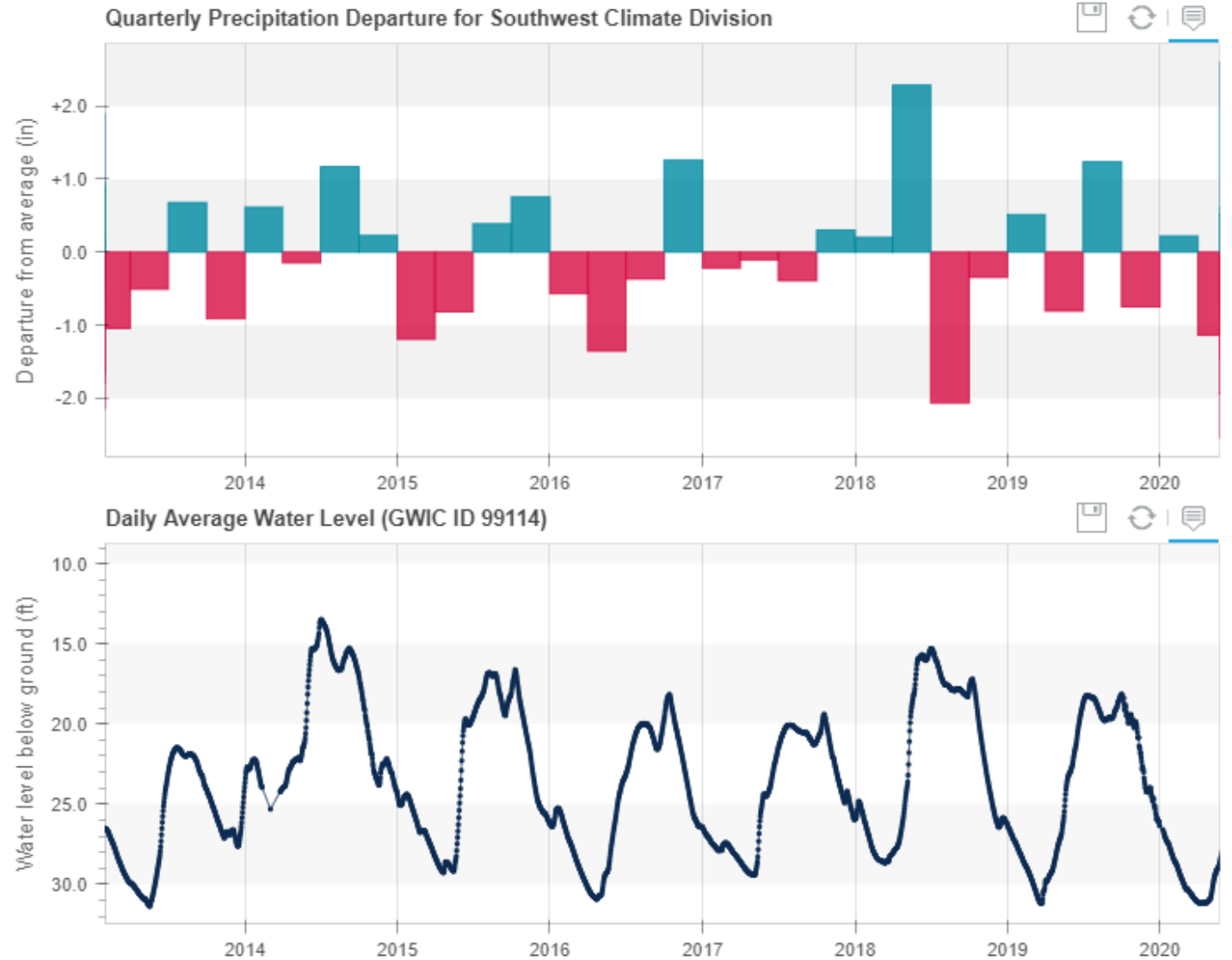
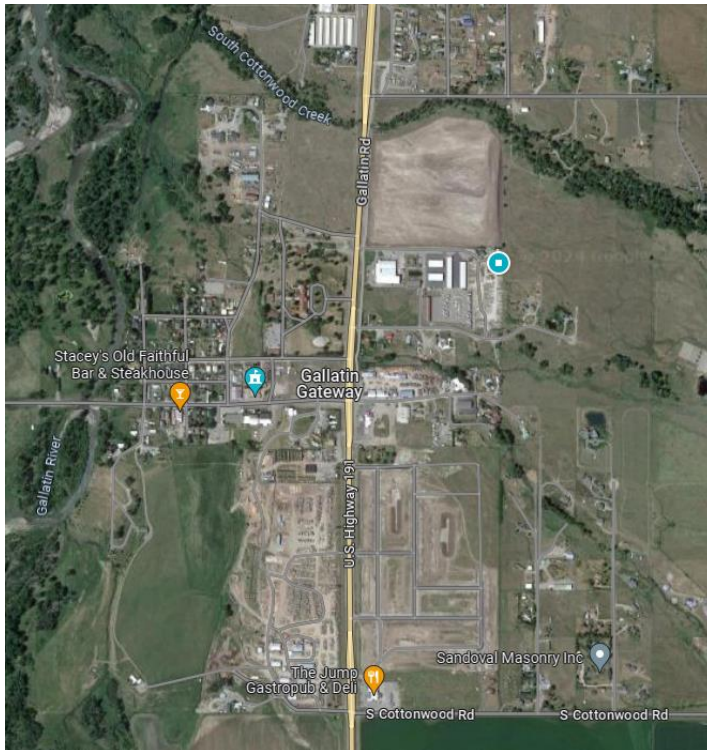
Office	Phone	Address
n Office	665-9770	317 N Custer Ave, Hardin
n Office	357-3200	420 Ohio St, Courthouse Annex, Chinook
n Office	266-9242	416 Broadway, Townsend
n Office	962-3522	202 State St., Joliet
n Office	454-6980	3300 3rd Street N.E. #9, Great Falls
n Office	622-3751	1308 Franklin St., Fort Benton
n Office	874-3370	Custer County Courthouse, 1010 Main St., Miles City
n Office	487-2861	113 Main Street, Scobey
n Office	377-4277	Dawson County Courthouse, 207 West Bell Street, Glendive
n	377-5772	207 West Bell Street, Glendive
n Office	778-7110	10 W Fallon Ave., Baker
n Office	535-3919	712 West Main Street , Lewistown
n Office	758-5553	1108 S Main St Suite 4, Kalispell
ality District	582-3168	215 West Mendenhall, Suite 300, Bozeman
ation District	282-4350	120 S. 5th St. Ste 104, Manhattan
n Office	873-2239	Courthouse Annex 1210 E Main St., Cut Bank
n Office	338-2650	640 All Chiefs Road, Browning
n Office	859-3304	220 N Sansome St., Philipsburg
n Office	400-2333	315 4th Street, Havre

# Summary of GWIC Data



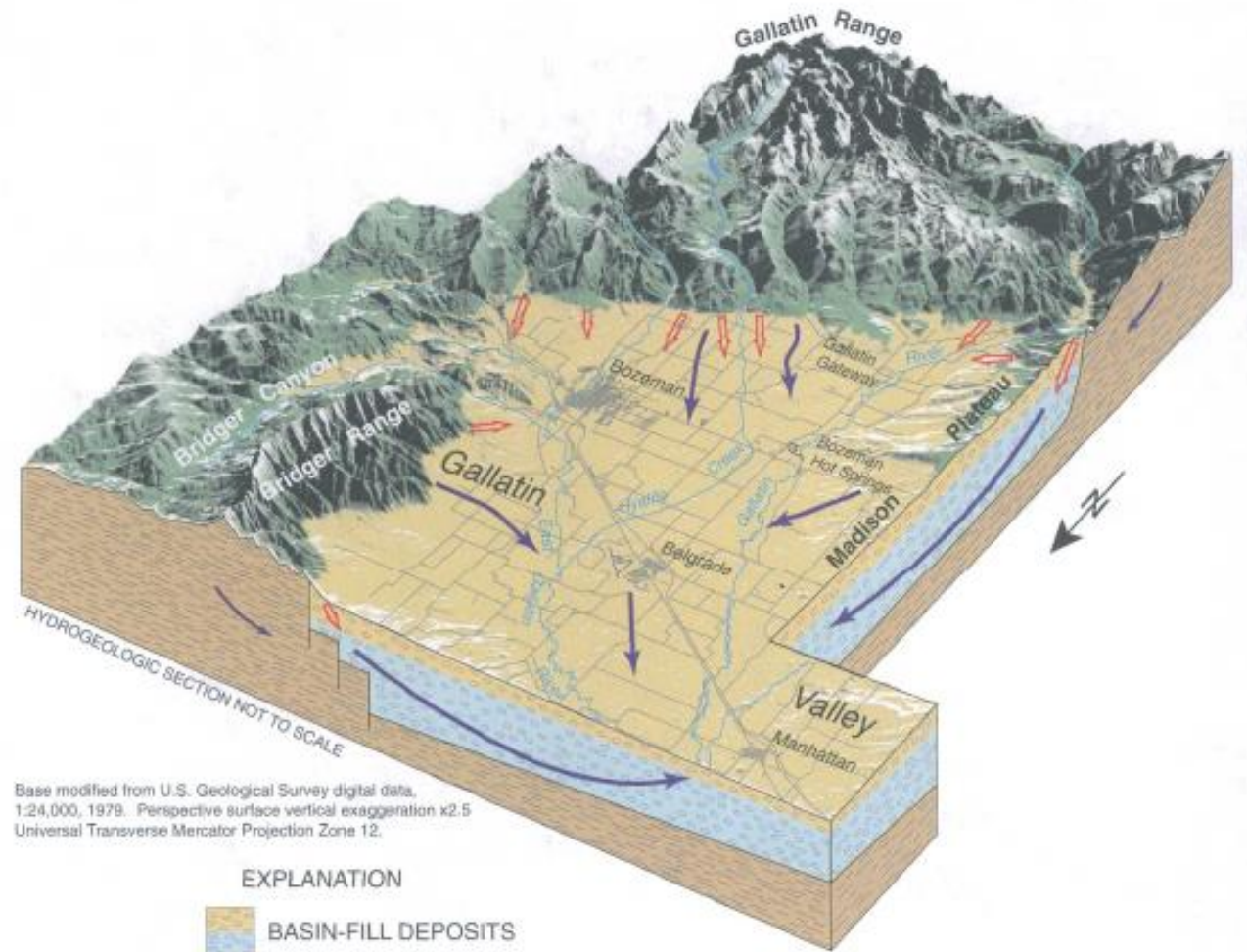
# Map View of All Available GWIC Wells in Gallatin Gateway

- Potts Well





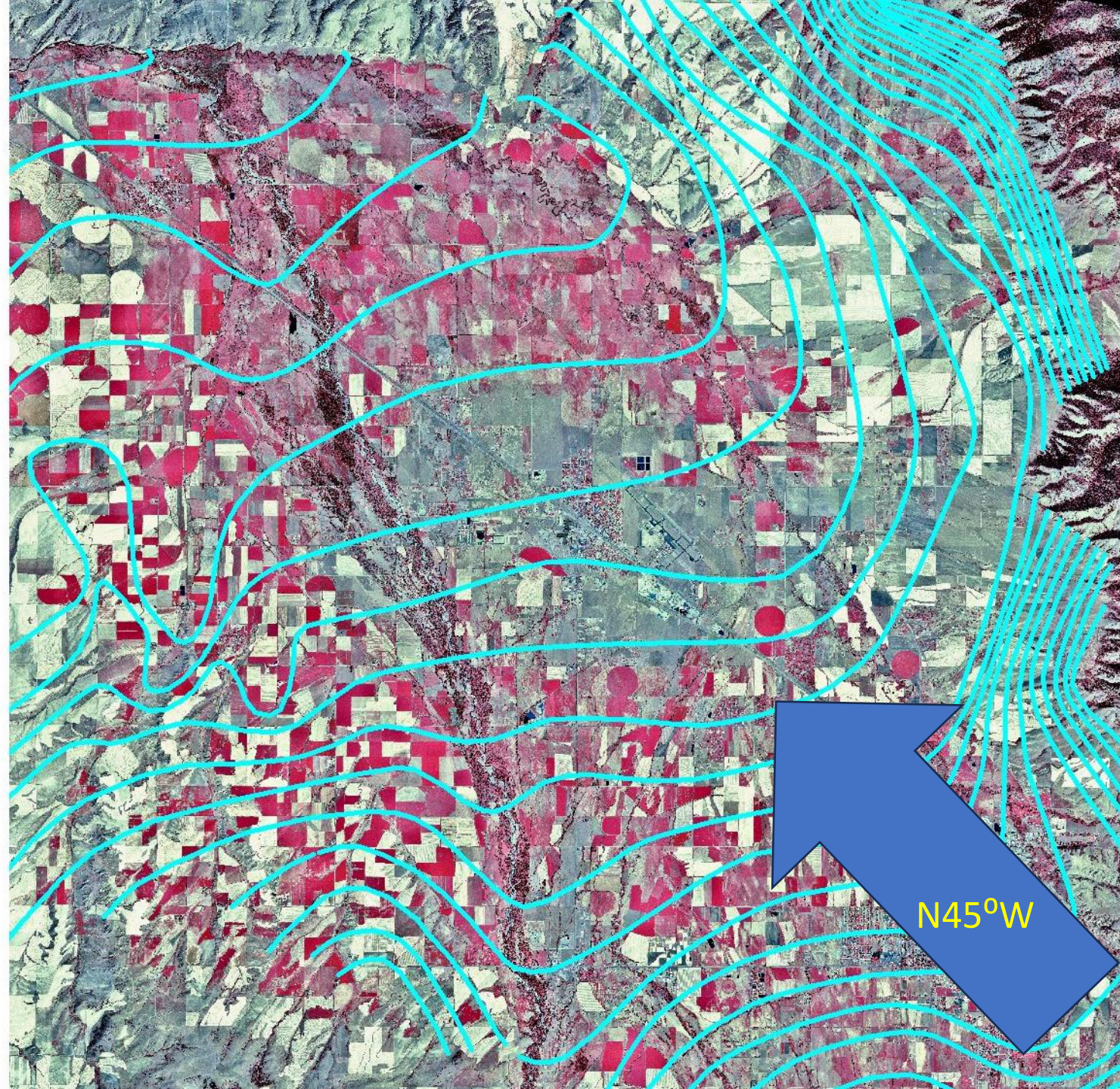
## Groundwater Flow in Gallatin Valley



**Figure 9.** Perspective view and diagrammatic hydrogeologic section showing ground-water recharge and flow in the basin-fill deposits in the Gallatin Local Water Quality District, Montana.



# Groundwater Flow in Gallatin Valley







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# Movement of Water Through the Landscape Driven by Snowmelt

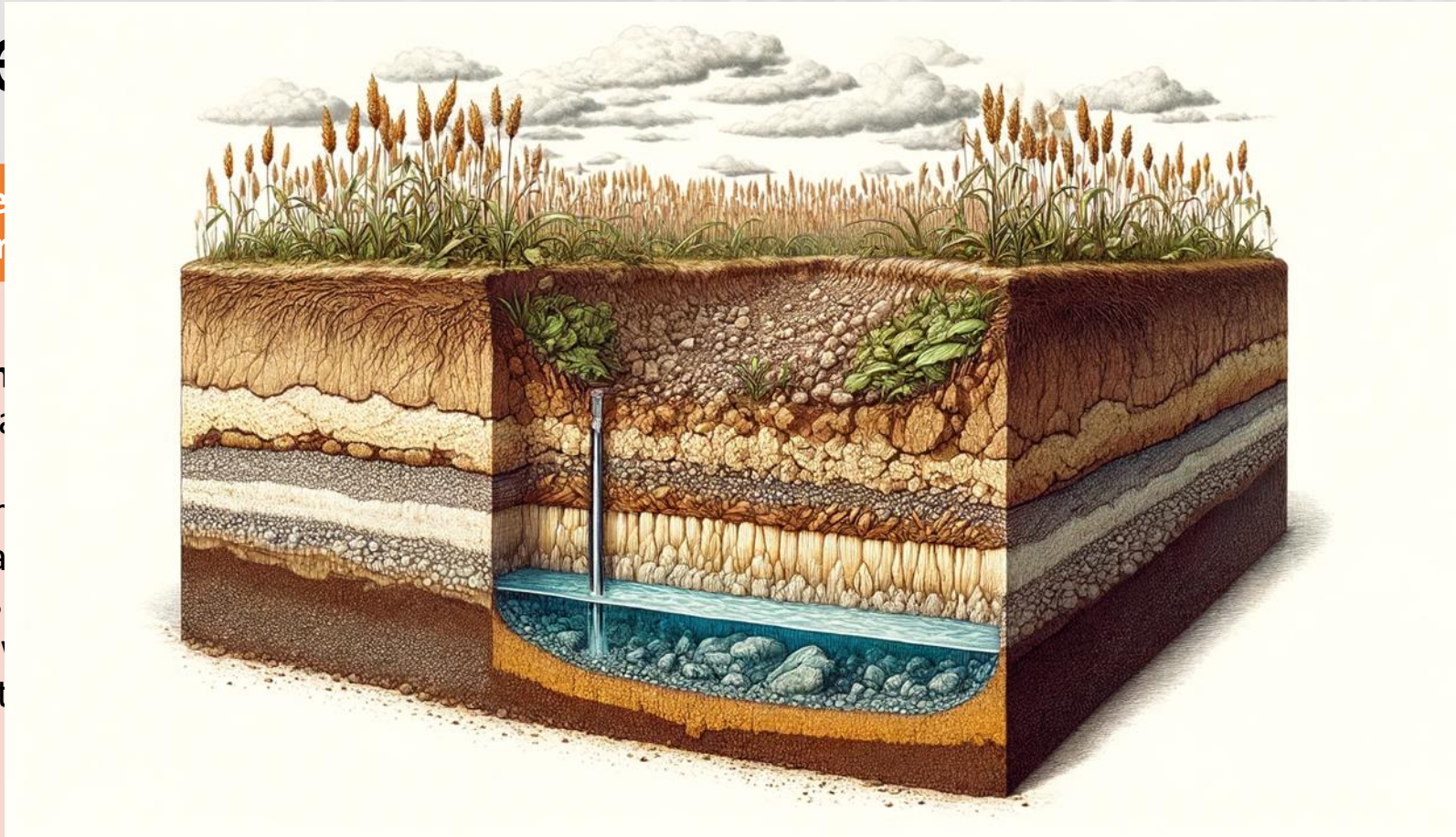
- **Introduction**
  - Snowmelt is a significant source of freshwater in many regions
  - It plays a critical role in the hydrological cycle
- **Processes Involved**
  - **Melting:** As temperatures rise in spring, snow begins to melt
  - **Infiltration:** Meltwater infiltrates the soil, replenishing groundwater
  - **Runoff:** Excess meltwater flows over the land surface, entering rivers and streams
- **Impacts on the Landscape**
  - **Water Availability:** Provides a crucial source of water for ecosystems and human use
  - **Flooding:** Rapid snowmelt can cause flooding, affecting communities and infrastructure
- **Factors Affecting Snowmelt**
  - **Temperature:** Warmer temperatures accelerate snowmelt
  - **Solar Radiation:** Increased sunlight in spring and summer enhances melting
  - **Snowpack Characteristics:** The depth and density of the snowpack influence melt rates
- **Environmental Considerations**
  - **Water Quality:** Runoff can carry pollutants into water bodies



# Your Results Depend on When You Test for The

Seasonal  
Variation

- **Summer:** Increased rainfall can increase contact and saturation, altering groundwater quality



## Natural Disasters:

- **Floods:** Can significantly alter groundwater quality and affect well integrity

by removing  
protective soil  
cover

# What to Do After the Flood



## What to Do After the Flood

Drilled, driven or bored wells are best disinfected by a well or pump contractor, because it is difficult for the private owner to thoroughly disinfect these wells.

If you suspect that your well may be contaminated, contact your local or state health department or agriculture extension agent for specific advice on disinfecting your well. The suggestions below are intended to supplement flood precautions issued by State and local health authorities.

**WARNING!**  
**DO NOT TURN ON THE PUMP**  
There is danger of electrical shock and damage to your well or pump if they have been flooded

**WARNING!**  
**DO NOT WASH WITH WELL WATER**  
People drinking or washing with water from a private well that has been flooded will risk getting sick.

# Shock Chlorination After a Flood

- **Objective:**
  - Sanitize water systems contaminated by floodwaters.
- **Steps:**
  - **Assessment:**
    - Determine the water system's total volume.
  - **Chlorine Calculation:**
    - Calculate necessary chlorine amount for 50-200 ppm concentration.
  - **Application:**
    - Evenly distribute chlorine solution throughout the system.
  - **Contact Time:**
    - Allow the solution to sit for 12-24 hours for effective disinfection.
  - **Flushing and Safety:**
    - Thoroughly flush the system with clean water.
    - Test water quality to ensure safety before use.



# Emergency Disinfection of Wells That Have Been Flooded

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## Emergency Disinfection of Wells that have been Flooded

*Before Disinfection: Check the condition of your well. Make sure there is no exposed or damaged wiring. If you notice any damage, call a professional before the disinfection process.*

### Materials Needed:

- One gallon of non-scented household liquid bleach;
- rubber gloves;
- eye protection;
- old clothes; and
- a funnel.



### Step 1

If your water is muddy or cloudy, run the water from an outside spigot with a hose attached until the water becomes clear and free of sediments.

### Step 2



Determine what type of well you have and how to pour the bleach into the well. Some wells have a sanitary seal with either an air vent or a plug that can be removed (a). If it is a bored or dug well, the entire cover can be lifted off to provide a space for pouring the bleach into the well (b).



### Step 3

Take the gallon of bleach and funnel (if needed) and carefully pour the bleach down into the well casing.

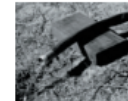


### Step 4

After the bleach has been added, run water from an outside hose into the well casing until you smell chlorine coming from the hose. Then turn off the outside hose.

### Step 5

Turn on all cold water faucets, inside and outside of house, until the chlorine odor is detected in each faucet, then shut them all off. If you have a water treatment system, switch it to bypass before turning on the indoor faucets.



### Step 6

Wait 6 to 24 hours before turning the faucets back on. It is important not to drink, cook, bathe or wash with this water during the time period --- it contains high amounts of chlorine.

### Step 7

Once the waiting period is up, turn on an outside spigot with hose attached and run the water into a safe area where it will not disturb plants, lakes, streams or septic tanks. Run the water until there is no longer a chlorine odor. Turn the water off.



### Step 8

The system should now be disinfected, and you can now use the water.

### Step 9

Have your water tested for bacteria 7 to 10 days after disinfection.

# Impact of Overland Flow on Waterborne Bacterial Contamination

- **Introduction:**
  - Overland flow occurs when rainwater or snowmelt flows over the land
  - It transports bacteria from various sources to water bodies including wells
- **Sources of Contamination:**
  - **Agricultural Lands:** Manure, fertilizers
  - **Urban Areas:** Pet waste, leaky septic systems
  - **Natural Areas:** Wildlife excrement
- **Impacts:**
  - **Water Quality:** Potential to increase pathogenic bacteria
  - **Public Health:** Causes waterborne diseases such as diarrhea, giardiasis, dysentery, typhoid fever, E. Coli infection, and salmonellosis
- **Important Note:**
  - **Fecal coliform bacteria are not pathogenic:** They are an indicator for the presence of pathogenic organisms in drinking water

# Conclusion

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- Snowmelt Can Carry Contaminants into Water Bodies
- Your Results Can Vary Depending on When You Test
- Impact of the flood
  - What to Do After a Flood
  - Shock Chlorination After a Flood
  - Emergency Disinfection of Wells That Have Been Flooded
- Impact of Bacterial Contamination



# Well Educated Data for Gallatin County Water Quality Impacts on Human Health Understanding Results

- Common health parameters in Gallatin County:
  - Arsenic, manganese, nitrate, Fluoride, *E. coli*, lead, copper, and corrosivity
- What you receive from [Welleducated@montana.edu](mailto:Welleducated@montana.edu)
- Interpretation of your results; putting your numbers into context

# Chemistry Lingo

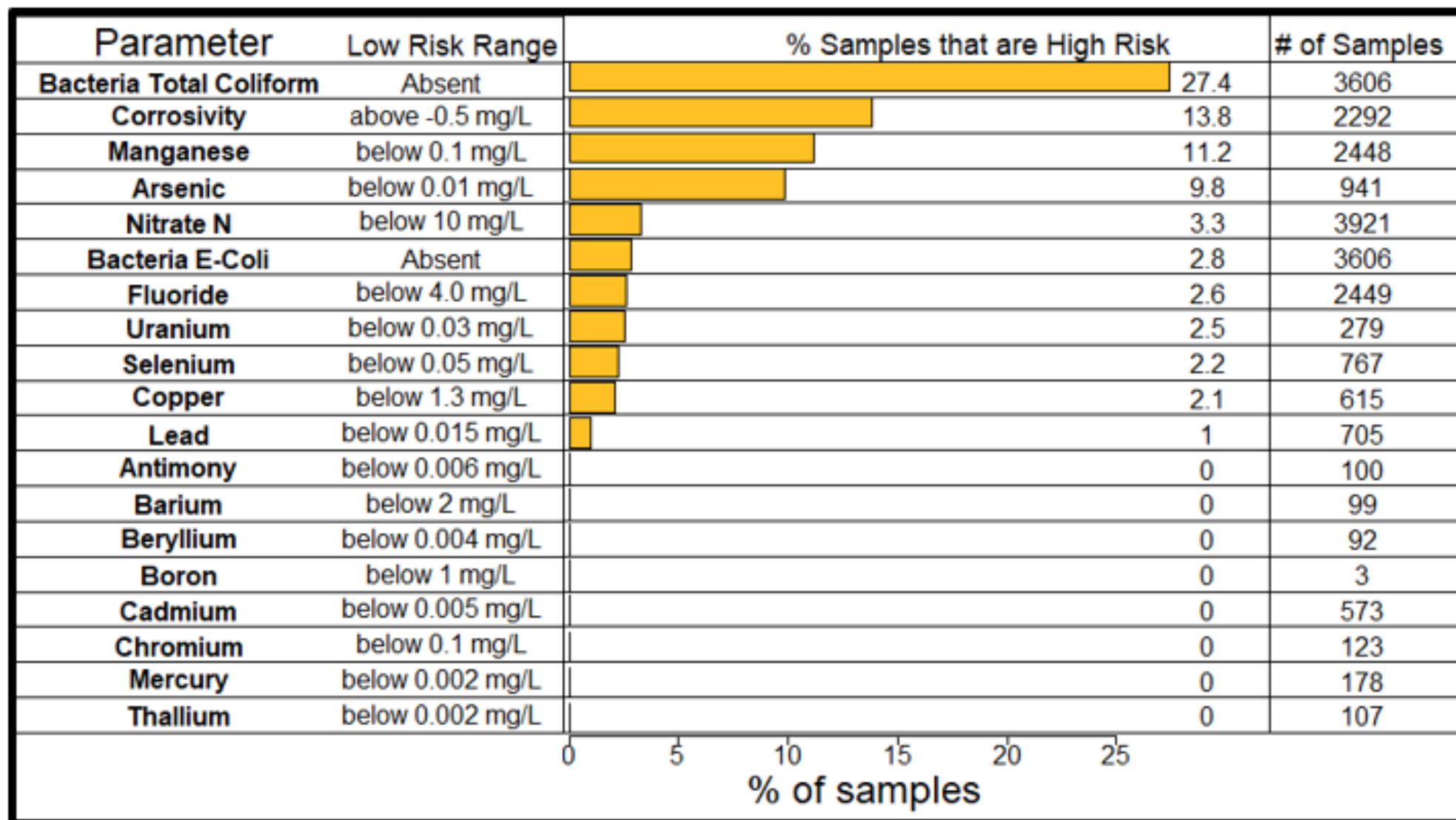
The mg/L is the fundamental unit of measuring the concentration of something, a parameter, that is dissolved in water.

- mg/L are the units reported on drinking water analysis report
- It is equivalent to 1 part per million (ppm)

## **METALS, ACID-SOLUBLE**

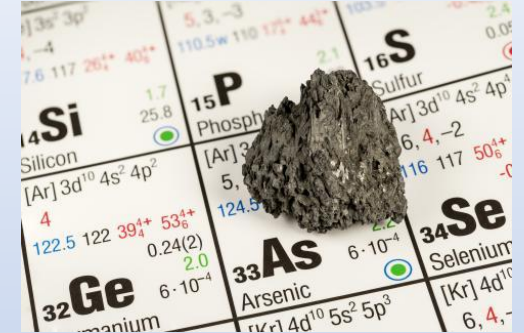
Aluminum	ND mg/L
Antimony	ND mg/L
Arsenic	ND mg/L
Barium	0.05 mg/L
Beryllium	ND mg/L
Cadmium	ND mg/L
Calcium	76 mg/L
Chromium	ND mg/L
Copper	ND mg/L
Lead	ND mg/L

### Summary of human health related results 2015-2020



# What is the story with arsenic?

- Arsenic is a naturally occurring element
  - Can occur in many forms
- U.S. EPA Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for arsenic = 0.010 mg/L (ppm)  
= 10 ppb
- This standard is set based on research on human health effects
- Long been known to be very toxic at high levels ( > 100 ppb)
- Sprouts up in Gallatin County





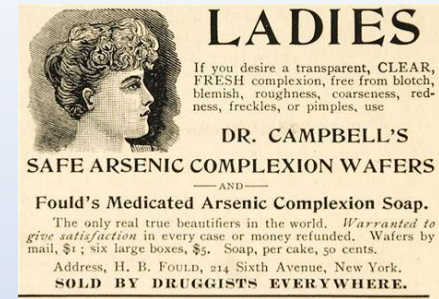
Arsenic - EPA Standard = 0.010 mg/L.

Chronic exposure can cause problems with human operating systems:

- Neurological
- Respiratory
- Cardiovascular
- Gastrointestinal

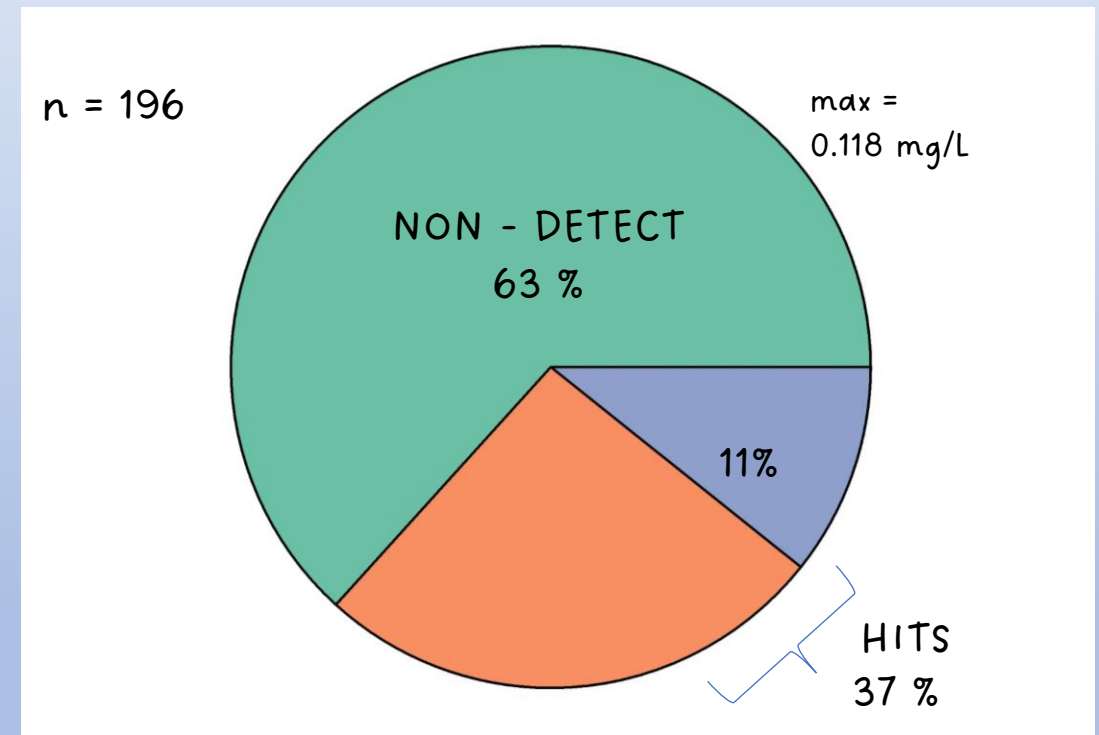
Can also cause:

- Skin problems
- Increased risk of many types of cancer
- Stomach pain, nausea, diarrhea
- Numbness in the hands and feet
- Blindness



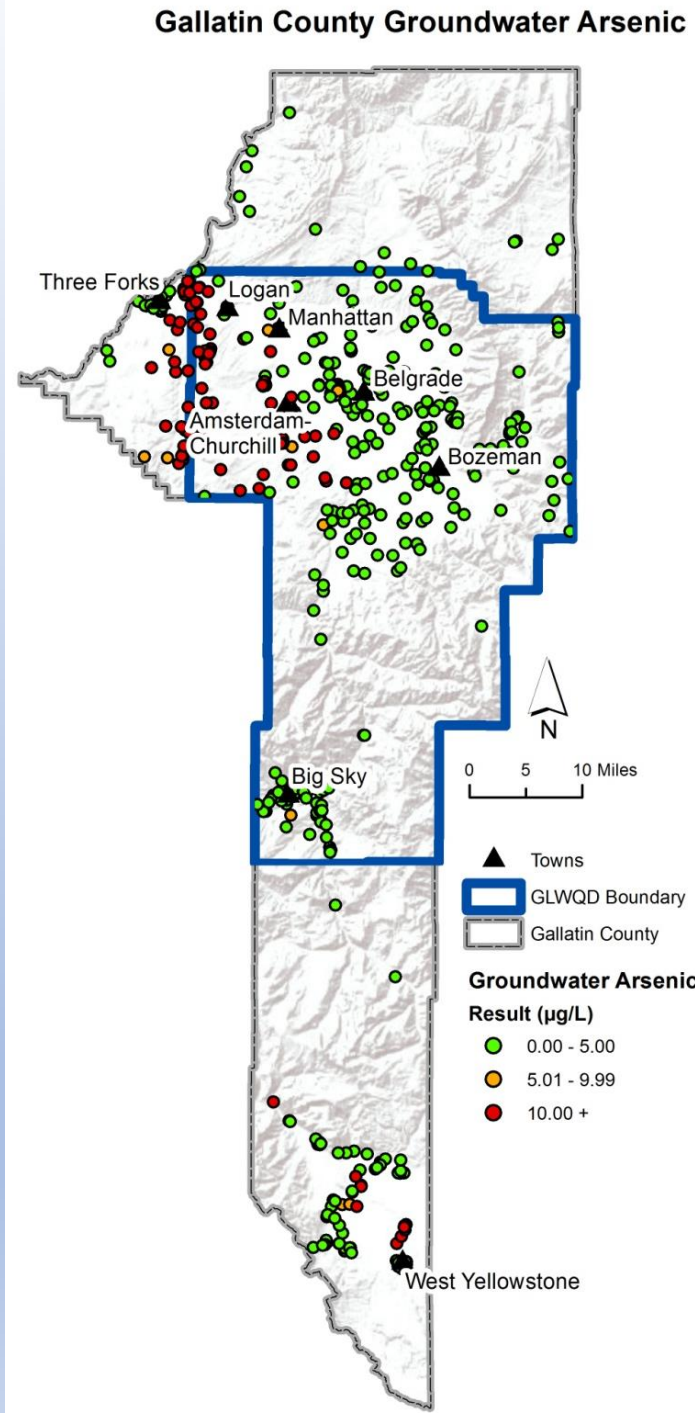
SAFE ARSENIC COMPLEXION WAFERS  
—AND—  
Fould's Medicated Arsenic Complexion Soap.

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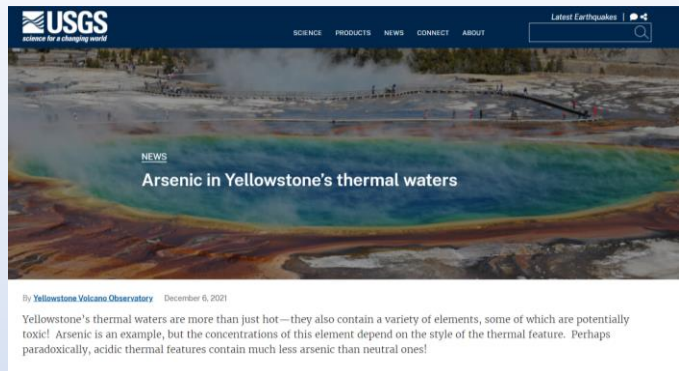


~ 11% of observations in Gallatin County from 2015 - 2021 were at or above the drinking water standard of 0.010 mg/L (10 ppb)

# Arsenic Distribution in Gallatin County







## Arsenic Hydrogeochemistry in an Irrigated River Valley—A Reevaluation

by David A. Nimick<sup>a</sup>

### Abstract

Arsenic concentrations in ground water of the lower Madison River valley, Montana, are high (16 to 176  $\mu\text{g/L}$ ). Previous studies hypothesized that arsenic-rich river water, applied as irrigation, was evapoconcentrated during recharge and contaminated the thin alluvial aquifer. Based on additional data collection and a reevaluation of the hydrology and geochemistry of the valley, the high arsenic concentrations in ground water are caused by a unique combination of natural hydrologic and geochemical factors, and irrigation appears to play a secondary role. The high arsenic concentrations in ground water have several causes: direct aquifer recharge by Madison River water having arsenic concentrations as high as 100  $\mu\text{g/L}$ , leaching of arsenic from Tertiary volcano-clastic sediment, and release of sorbed arsenic where redox conditions in ground water are reduced. The findings are consistent with related studies that demonstrate that arsenic is sorbed by irrigated soils in the valley. Although evaporation of applied irrigation water does not significantly increase arsenic concentrations in ground water, irrigation with arsenic-rich water raises other environmental concerns.

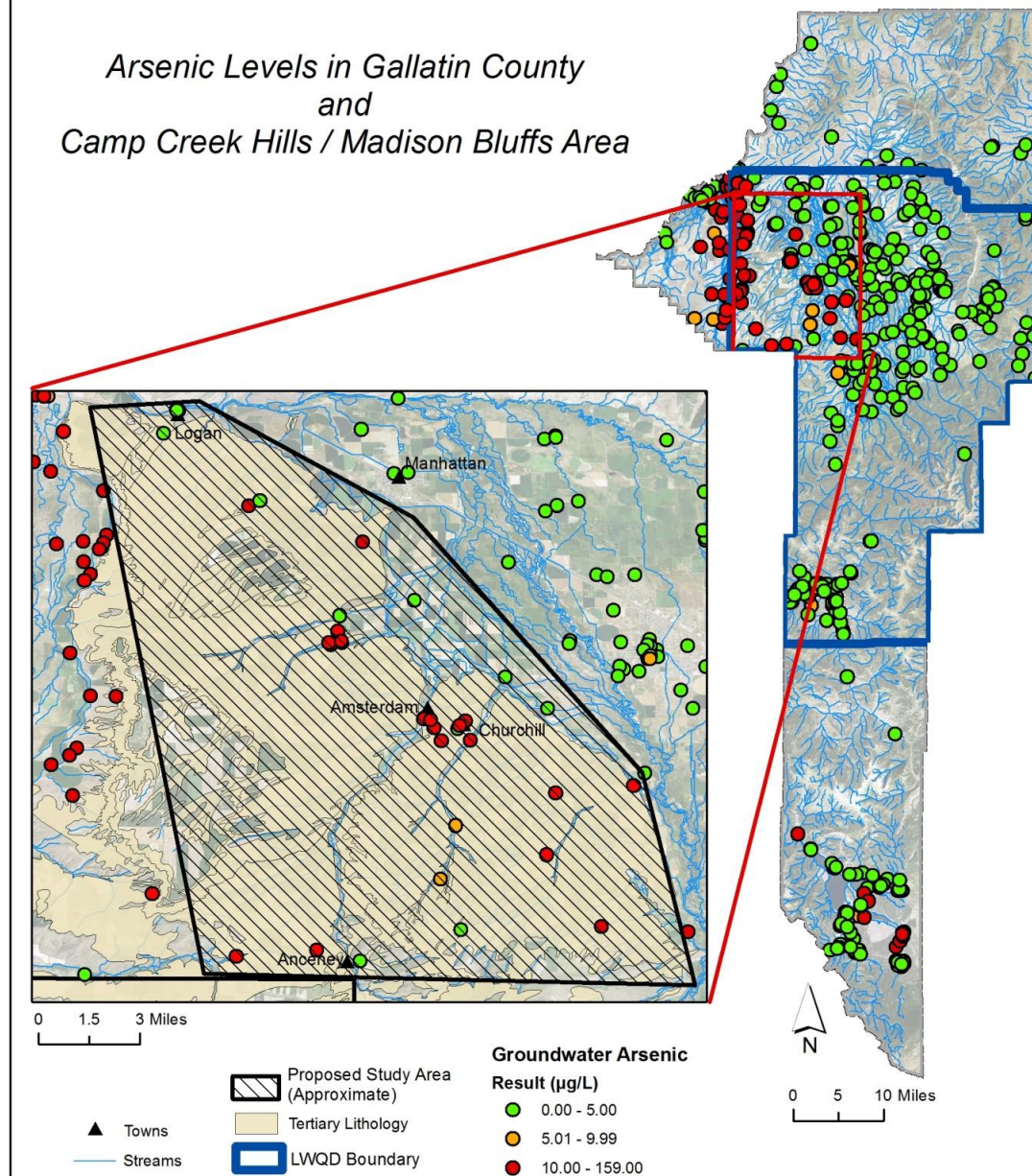
### Introduction

Understanding arsenic geochemistry in natural systems is important because arsenic occurs naturally in ground water in many parts of the western United States at concentrations commonly higher than the Federal primary drinking water regulation of 50  $\mu\text{g/L}$  (Welch et al. 1988). Although naturally occurring arsenic is commonly associated with geothermal discharge or volcanic sediment, other sources of arsenic are possible, including river water that recharges the aquifer, either naturally or through irrigation. When studying the fate and transport of arsenic, site-specific geochemical factors such as pH and redox conditions that significantly affect arsenic mobility are important considerations. The lower Madison River valley (Figure 1) provides an excellent field-scale laboratory to study arsenic geochemistry because arsenic is derived from multiple sources and the geochemical conditions that control arsenic mobility vary.

of arsenic geochemistry. Objectives of the investigations were to examine arsenic transport in the Madison and Missouri Rivers (Nimick et al. in press), to determine if irrigation causes arsenic concentrations to increase in other irrigated areas along the mainstem (Tuck et al. 1997), to study the interaction of irrigated soils with arsenic in irrigation water (Keith 1995), and to reevaluate the hydrogeochemical processes controlling arsenic concentrations and transport in the ground water of the lower Madison River valley. This paper presents the results of this reevaluation, which was conducted during 1992 through 1995. The conclusions about the sources and controls of arsenic in ground water developed during these investigations differ in some respects from those previously proposed (Sonderegger and Ohguchi 1988; Sonderegger et al. 1989).

### Study Area

## Arsenic Levels in Gallatin County and Camp Creek Hills / Madison Bluffs Area

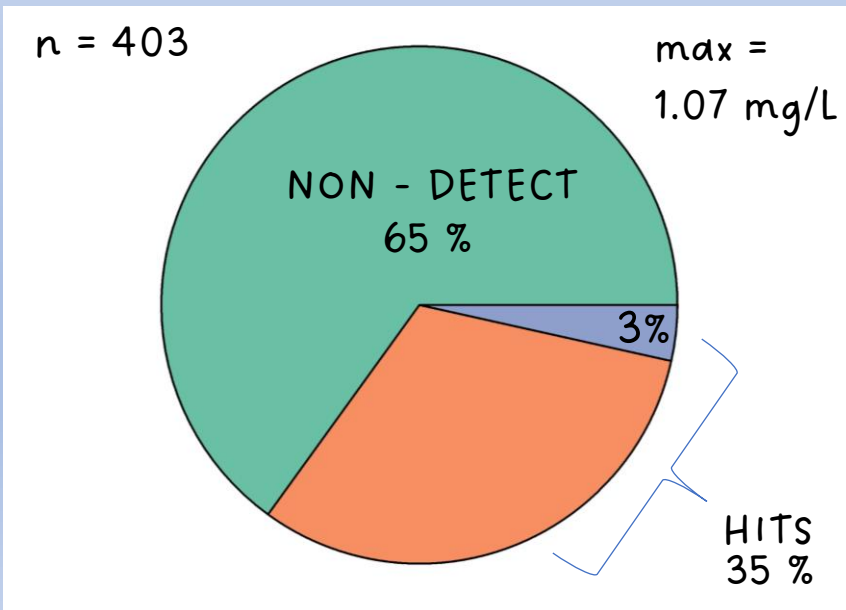


# Manganese - Variation in human sensitivity

- 0.3 mg/L -protective of life-time exposure for the general population
- Infants up to 6 months: 0.3 mg/L for more than a total of 10 days per year; recent studies suggest learning impairment with childhood exposure; school age children may have effects down to 0.1 mg/L
- EPA: general population should not ingest water with manganese greater than 1 mg/L for more than a total of 10 days per year
- Much lower manganese levels in water can result in noticeable staining and taste complaints. -> "secondary" drinking water guideline of 0.05 mg/L



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### A Child with Chronic Manganese Exposure from Drinking Water

Alan Woolf,<sup>1,2</sup> Robert Wright,<sup>1,2,3</sup> Chitra Amarasiriwardena,<sup>3</sup> David Bellinger<sup>4,5</sup>

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The patient's family bought a home in a suburb, but the proximity of the house to wetlands and its distance from the town water main prohibited connecting the house to town water. The family had a well drilled and they drank the well water for 5 years, despite the fact that the water was turbid, had a metallic taste, and left an orange-brown residue on clothes, dishes, and appliances. When the water was tested after 5 years of residential use, the manganese concentration was elevated (1.21 ppm; U.S. Environmental Protection Agency reference, < 0.05 ppm). The family's 10-year-old son had elevated manganese concentrations in whole blood, urine, and hair. The blood manganese level of his brother was normal, but his hair manganese level was elevated. The patient, the 10-year-old, was in the fifth grade and had no history of learning difficulties. Teachers had noticed his inattentiveness and lack of focus in the classroom. Psychometric testing scores showed normal verbal and visual memory. These findings are consistent with the known neurotoxic effects of manganese, although a causal relationship cannot necessarily be inferred.

cleaning, showering, and other household purposes. Physical examination of the patient revealed a well-nourished, well-developed male without skin rashes, resting or intention tremors, or evidence of illness. A detailed neurologic examination was normal. He was fully alert and oriented and had a normal

#### Table 1. Analyses of well water.

Assay	Concentration	MCL
Manganese (ppm)	1.21	0.05
Iron (ppm)	15.7	0.3
Copper (mg/L)	0.08	1.3
Lead	ND	0.015
Calcium (ppm)	37.98	NA
Magnesium (ppm)	15.9	NA

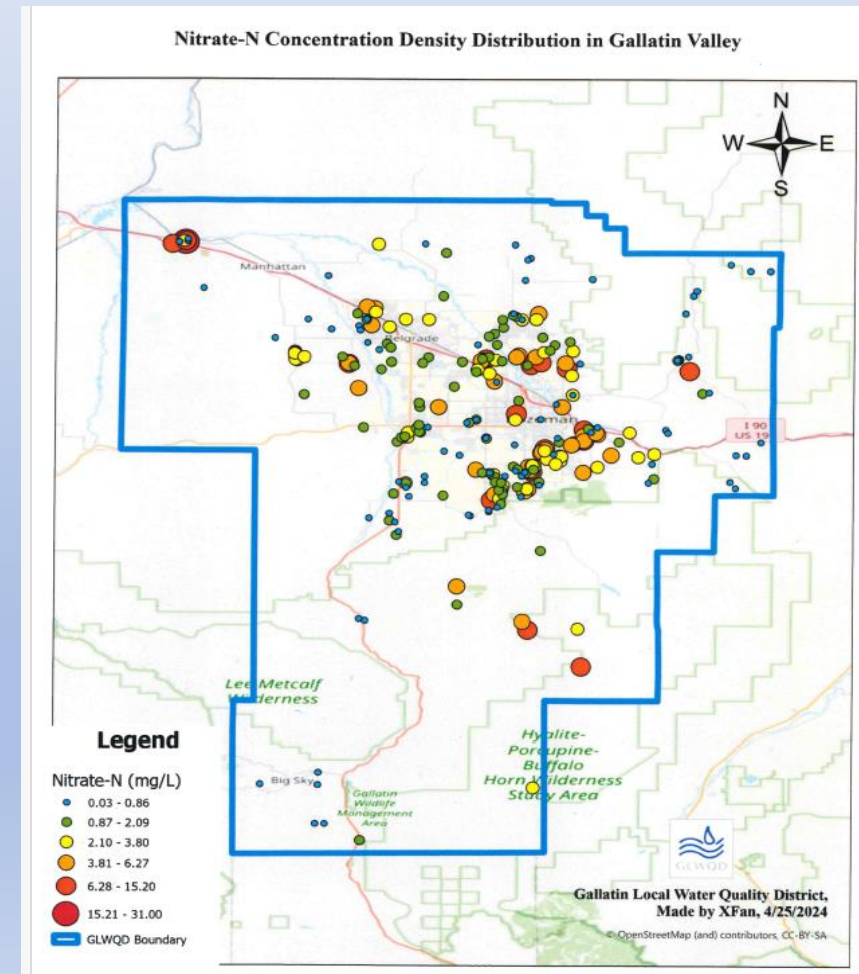
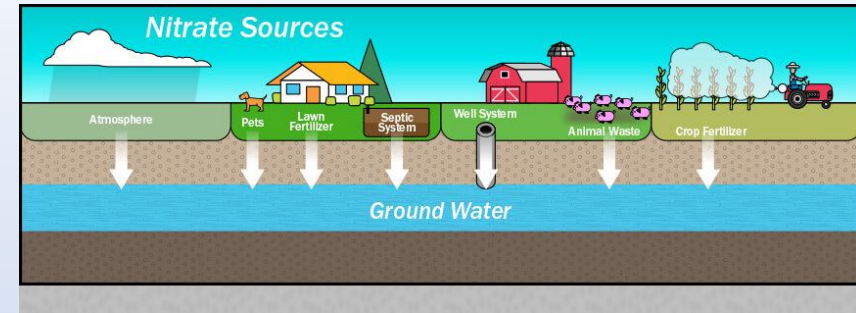
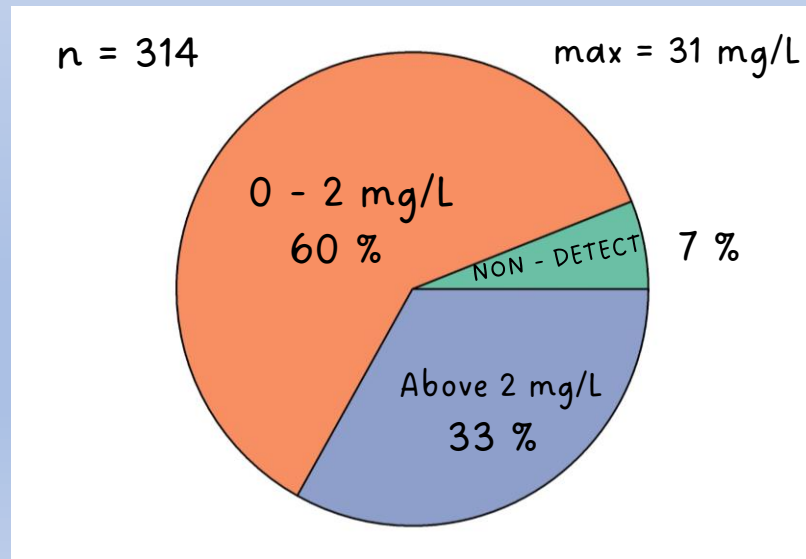
Woolf, Alan, et al. "A child with chronic manganese exposure from drinking water." *Environmental health perspectives* 110.6 (2002): 613-616.



# Nitrate - 10 mg/L NO<sub>3</sub>-N

- Nitrate is the most common chemical contaminant in the world's groundwater aquifers
- Some studies suggest linkages between high nitrate levels in drinking water with birth defects and certain types of cancer
- 1962: EPA set the drinking water standard to 10 mg/L NO<sub>3</sub>-N to prevent blue-baby syndrome

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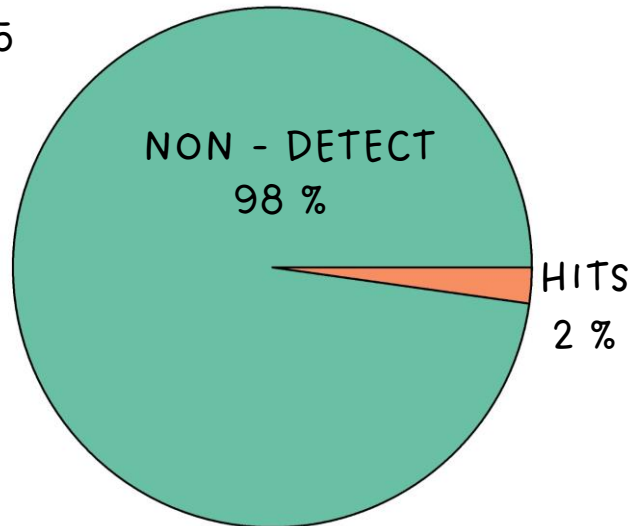
# *E. coli* and Total Coliform bacteria

- One of hundreds of strains of the bacterium *Escherichia coli*, *E. coli* is an emerging cause of food-borne and water-borne illness
- To protect human health, EPA set the drinking water standard to ZERO *E. coli* present
- Tested because it is an easily assessed indicator for fecal source waterborne disease
- Not only concerned about it for *E. coli* itself
- 2% is roughly on par with statewide and national studies

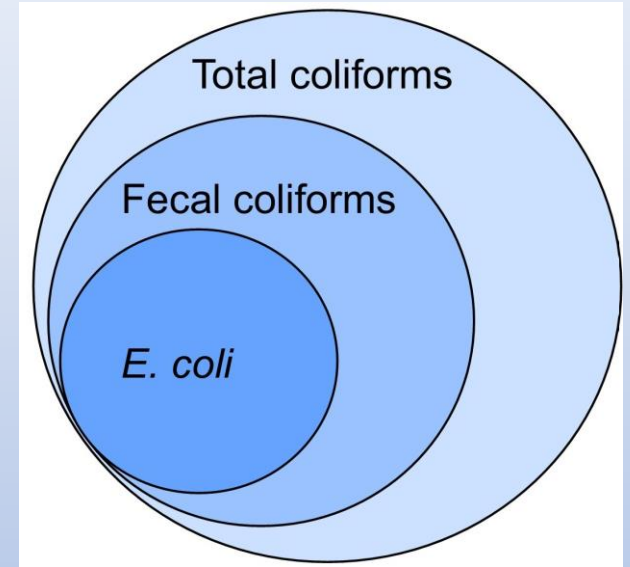
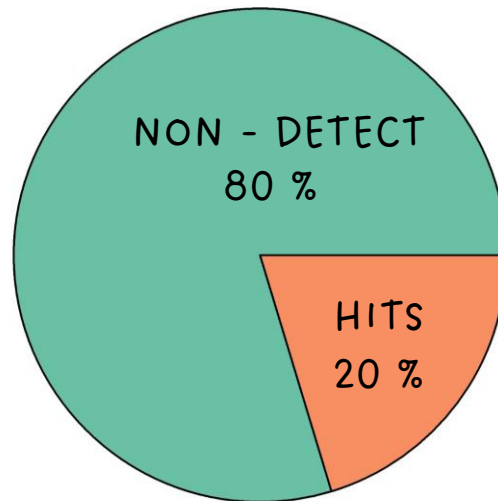
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*E. Coli*

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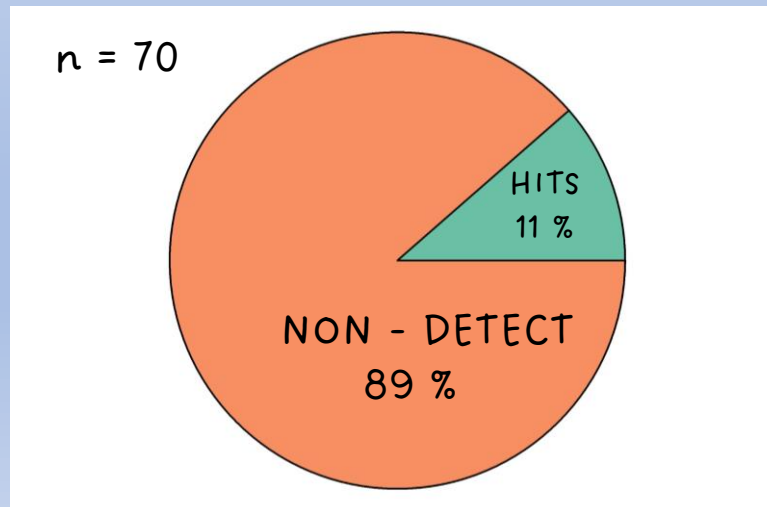
Total Coliform



# Lead - EPA MCLG = ZERO

- Nearly all lead in tap water is from corrosion of lead containing materials that contact water
- Individuals with the greatest risk are young children and pregnant women.
- Lead poisoning - irritability, weight loss, vomiting, constipation, or stomach pain may occur; damage to the brain, kidneys, and bone marrow can occur
- Reduced intelligence, impaired hearing and decreased growth, are associated with blood levels as low as 10 micrograms of lead per deciliter of blood ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{dL}$ )
- EPA banned lead in 1986. To test for lead, let water sit in line for 6 hours; sample should be "first draw"

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### Lead helps to guard your health

**YOU** wouldn't live today in a house without an adequate plumbing system. For without modern plumbing, sickness might endanger your life. Lead concealed in the walls and under the floors of many modern buildings helps to give the best sanitation.

**Lead pipe centuries old**

Lead, therefore, is contributing to the health, comfort, and convenience of people today as it did when Rome was a center of civilization. Lead water and drainage pipes more than 1800 years old have been found in exactly the condition they were in when laid.

In some cities today the law specifies that lead pipe alone may be used to bring water from street mains into the building.

In drainage systems are lead traps made of lead pipe bent into the shape of the letter S, so that a little water will stay in the bend and prevent gases which collect in the pipe from getting out through the house.

The malleability of lead also makes it easy to change the direction of any pipe through the use of lead bends.

**Joining the pipes**

A plumber easily "wipes" a joint or repairs a pipe leak with lead and tin solder. Because this alloy melts at the low temperature of 183 degrees it can be applied without melting the lead pipe, which melts at 620 degrees.

Lead is also poured into the flanges of pipe-joints to make them absolutely tight. Pipe threads of pipes may loosen a poured joint; lead wool is used; lead shredded into threads is packed into the joint in a dense, compact mass.

Rubber gaskets and ball washers, containing lead, prevent leaking at joints and faucets. Lead is used to beautify the modern bathroom. Red-lead and litharge, both lead oxides, are im-

portant ingredients in making the glossy white enamel covering the iron bodies of tub and basin and the glazed tile walls.

**Lead in paint**

While lead is invaluable in assuring comfort and proper sanitation, its long-known and most widespread use is as white-lead in paint. Such materials as wood would soon deteriorate unless protected with paint. And the paints that give the most thorough protection against the weather are based on white-lead.

The loss of invested capital through failure to protect the surface of property adequately has led property owners to paint frequently and well. As days and months go by, more and more of them are learning the wisdom of the phrase, "Save the surface and you save all." And they are using white-lead paint to prolong the lives of their houses.

**Look for the Dutch Boy**

NATIONAL LEAD COMPANY makes white-lead and sells it mixed with pure linseed oil, under the name and trade-mark of *Dutch Boy white-lead*. The figure of the Dutch Boy is reproduced on every keg and is a guarantee of exceptional purity.

Dutch Boy products also include red-lead, linseed oil, flaking oil, ballball metals and solder.

**More about lead**

If you use lead, or think you might use it in any form, write to us for specific information.

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New York, 175 Broadway; London, 10, Abchurch Lane; Chicago, 300 West Madison St.; Cincinnati, 420 West Campbell Ave.; St. Louis, 723 Chester Ave.; St. Paul, 445 Columbia St.; Philadelphia, 10th St. & Locust St.; San Francisco, 417 Commercial St.

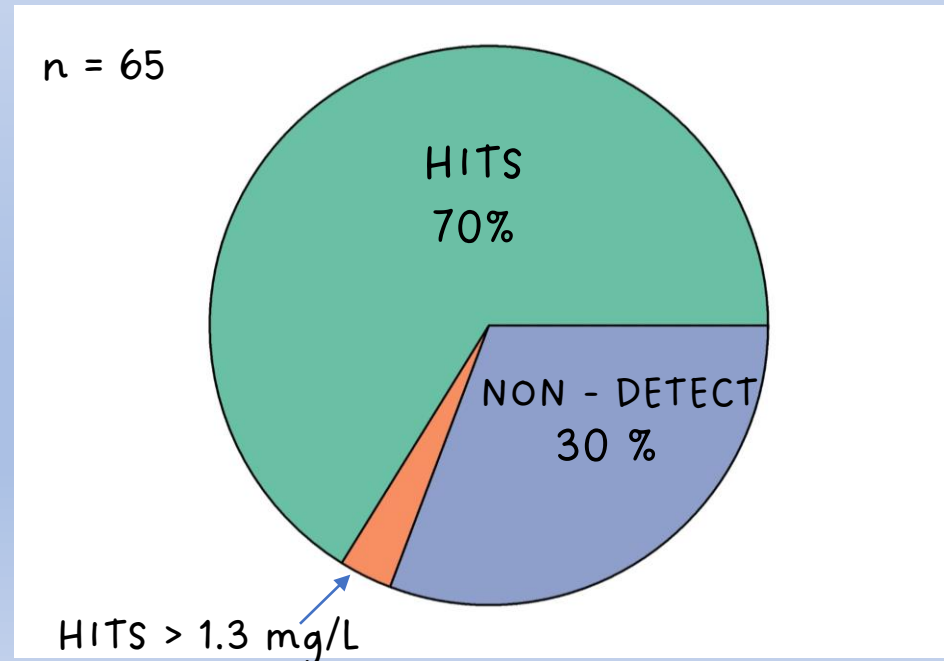


# EPA Copper Standard = 1.3 mg/L

- Copper is generally detectable by metallic taste at 1 to 2 mg/L; undrinkable at concentrations of 5 to 8 mg/L
- High amounts of copper may cause an upset stomach or other health issues; have been linked to liver and kidney damage
- Babies may be more sensitive to elevated copper levels

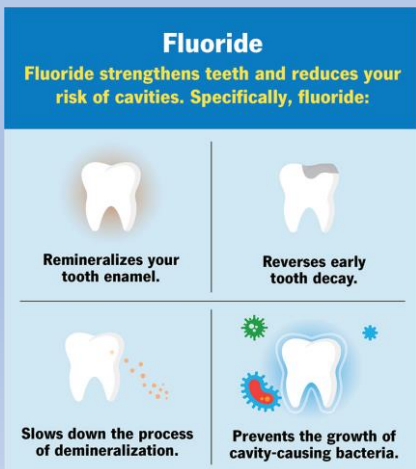


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# Fluoride – Good for teeth, to a degree

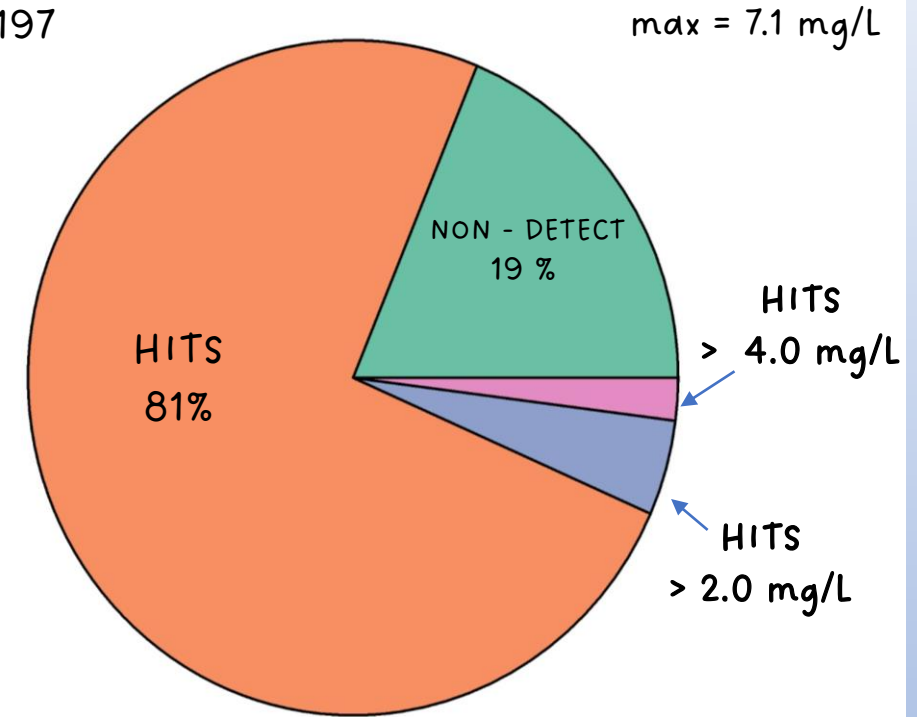
- Maximum allowable concentration of 4.0 mg/L fluoride in public drinking water systems to prevent adverse effects from fluoride exposure –mainly dental fluorosis
- Evidence suggests fluoride is beneficial during tooth development; prevents dental caries; recommended maximum concentration of 2.0 mg/L to prevent dental fluorosis
- Fluoride helps stimulate the formation of new bone



Fluoride Concentration	Health Effect
0.7-1.2 mg/L	Beneficial for cavity prevention
>2 mg/L	Potential for dental fluorosis
>4 mg/L	Potential for skeletal fluorosis

Gallatin Co. Well Educated Data '15 – '21:

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# Corrosivity -Langelier Index

Evaluates the potential for the water to be corrosive to the metal piping that is part of a water distribution system -a condition!

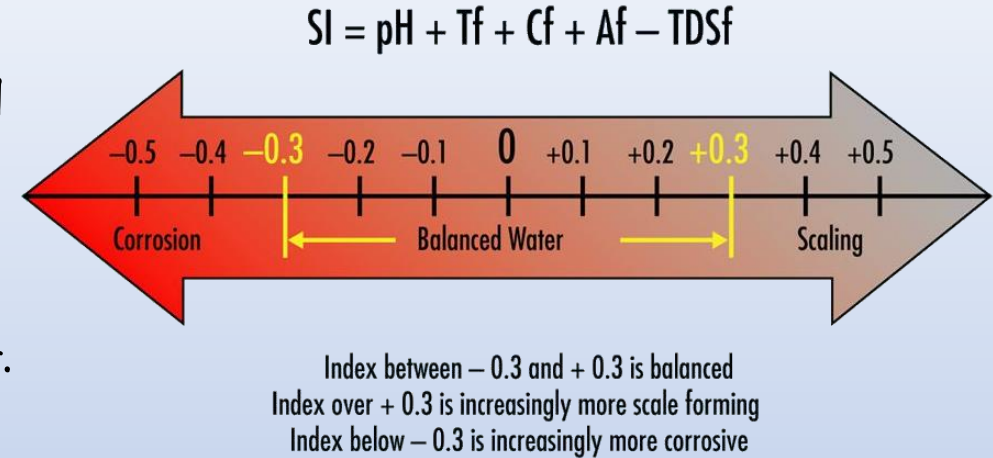
Corrosive water may leach trace metals from components of any appliances and piping that are in direct contact with the water.

Primary concerns include:

- Presence of metals in the water, such as lead and copper
- Deterioration and damage to the household plumbing
- Aesthetic problems

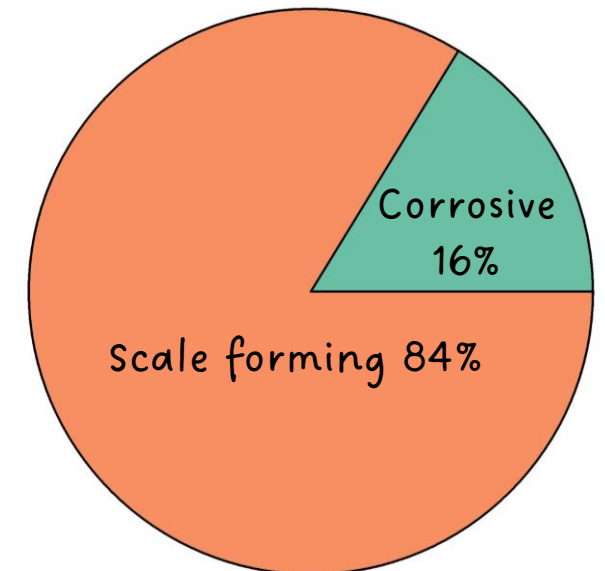
In soft water, corrosion occurs because of the lack of dissolved cations

In scale-forming (hard) water, a precipitate or coating "scale" forms on the inside of the piping; this is the opposite of corrosion.



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$n = 197$





# Choosing Well Educated Testing Packages

## Parameter Choice List

(parameter = something in the water; pH, nitrate, bacteria, etc.)

Step 1 - Check the box next to the parameter package/s you would like your water tested for (1-6).

Step 2 - To add additional parameters from the right column, check box 7 then check the individual parameters in the right column.

See MSU Extension Well Educated website for list of parameters detected at high concentrations in Montana.

Step 3 - Total the cost of your package, any individual parameters from the right column, and the additional \$10.00 administrative fee. Write the total in the "Testing Cost" box. Use the included "Parameter Choice Guide" for more information.

### Parameter Packages

#### ☐ 1) Basic Domestic Analysis (\$75)

- Alkalinity
- Bacteria (coliform + *E. coli*)
- Nitrate + Nitrite as N
- pH
- Conductivity

#### ☒ 2) Full Domestic Analysis (\$125)

- Alkalinity
- Aluminum
- Bacteria (coliform + *E. coli*)
- Calcium
- Chloride
- Conductivity
- Corrosivity
- Fluoride
- Hardness
- Magnesium
- Manganese
- Nitrate + Nitrite as N
- pH
- Potassium
- Sodium
- Sulfate
- Total Dissolved Solids\*\*
- Zinc

#### ☐ 3) Total Iron Analysis (\$25)

#### ☐ 4) Basic Annual Analysis (\$45)

- Bacteria (coliform + *E. coli*)
- Nitrate + Nitrite as N

#### ☐ 5) Suitability of Water for Livestock (\$85)

- Molybdenum
- Selenium
- Sodium
- Sulfate
- Nitrate + Nitrite as N
- Total Dissolved Solids

#### ☐ 6) Classification of Water for Irrigation (\$40)

- Calcium
- Sodium
- Conductivity
- Sodium Adsorption Ratio
- Magnesium

#### ☐ 7) I have Selected Additional Individual Parameters in the right column. (\$ \_\_\_\_\_)

### Individual Parameters

- ☐ Antimony (\$12)
- ☐ Arsenic (\$12)
- ☐ Barium (\$12)
- ☐ Beryllium (\$12)
- ☐ Cadmium (\$12)
- ☐ Chromium (\$12)
- ☐ Copper\* (\$12)
- ☐ Fluoride (\$12)
- ☐ Lead\* (\$12)
- ☐ Manganese (\$12)
- ☐ Mercury (\$12)
- ☐ Nitrate + Nitrite as N (\$12)
- ☐ Selenium (\$12)
- ☐ Sulfate (\$12)
- ☐ Thallium (\$12)
- ☐ Uranium (\$12)

If you have selected additional individual parameters from this list, make sure you have checked box 8 in the left column.

### Testing Cost

Total the cost of parameter packages and any individual parameters you selected and write it below.

Parameter Cost **\$161.00**

Add \$10.00 for administrative fees and write the total below.

Total Cost **\$171.00**

Include payment for the Total Cost with your samples. Please make check payable to Energy Laboratories Inc.

## ☒ 2) Full Domestic Analysis (\$125)

- Alkalinity
- Aluminum
- Bacteria (coliform + *E. coli*)
- Calcium
- Chloride
- Conductivity
- Corrosivity
- Fluoride
- Hardness
- Magnesium
- Manganese
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- pH
- Potassium
- Sodium
- Sulfate
- Total Dissolved Solids\*\*
- Zinc

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- ☐ Chromium (\$12)
- ☒ Copper\* (\$12)
- ☐ Fluoride (\$12)
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- ☐ Mercury (\$12)
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- ☐ Selenium (\$12)
- ☐ Sulfate (\$12)
- ☐ Thallium (\$12)
- ☐ Uranium (\$12)

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\* lead and copper are commonly collected with "first draw" sampling, see sampling instruction sheet (blue sheet)  
\*\* Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) is estimated using major ions

# Household Use Interpretation



ParticipantName	LabID	ReportDate
Problems, A few	B22090000	Fri Dec 16 2022

Parameters mentioned in this document indicate parameters of health concern and/or non-health related parameters of note (aesthetic/secondary concern) from your water sample. This means certain parameter concentrations in your water sample were outside the ideal range or threshold suggested by the EPA (Maximum Contaminant Level and Secondary Maximum Contaminant Level) or water quality research.

## Human Health Related - Parameters of Concern

Parameter	YourValue	Interpretation	More Info
Fluoride	4.3	unsatisfactory - above 4.0 mg/L health threshold; risk of fluorosis and bone disease	<a href="#">Click here for more info</a>
Manganese	0.4	unsatisfactory - above 0.1 mg/L health-based value for children under 6 and/or above 0.3 mg/L value for adults	<a href="#">Click here for more info</a>
Nitrogen, Nitrate+Nitrite as N	11	unsatisfactory - above 10.0 mg/L health threshold; discontinue use for infants under 1 year of age and persons with cardiovascular conditions	<a href="#">Click here for more info</a>

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## Non-Human Health Related - Parameters of Note

Parameter	YourValue	Interpretation
Alkalinity, Total as CaCO <sub>3</sub>	204	above ideal range of 100 to 200 mg/L - related to potential scaling
Manganese	0.4	above 0.05 mg/L guideline - may cause black or brown staining and metallic taste

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## More Information

[Click here for more on interpreting your results.](#)

[Click here for information on water treatment.](#)



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## LABORATORY ANALYTICAL REPORT

Prepared by Billings, MT Branch

Client: MSU Well Educated  
Project:  
Lab ID:  
Client Sample ID:

Report Date: 02/12/24  
Collection Date: 02/06/24 10:00  
DateReceived: 02/07/24  
Matrix: Drinking Water

Analyses	Result	Units	Qualifiers	RL	MCL/ QCL	Method	Analysis Date / By
<b>PHYSICAL PROPERTIES</b>							
pH	7.3	s.u.	H	0.1		A4500-H B	02/07/24 09:41 / bmm
pH Measurement Temp	18.7	°C		1.0		A4500-H B	02/07/24 09:41 / bmm
Conductivity @ 25 C	450	umhos/cm		5		A2510 B	02/07/24 09:41 / bmm
Corrosivity (Langelier Index)	0.2					A2330 B	02/09/24 16:42 / bap
Solids, Total Dissolved - Calculated	275	mg/L		1.0		A1030 E	02/09/24 16:42 / bap
If a sample temperature at the time of collection is not provided, the Langelier is calculated using a default temperature of 20 degrees C.							
<b>INORGANICS</b>							
Alkalinity, Total as CaCO3	247	mg/L		4		A2320 B	02/07/24 13:39 / njp
Bicarbonate as HCO3	302	mg/L		4		A2320 B	02/07/24 13:39 / njp
Carbonate as CO3	ND	mg/L		4		A2320 B	02/07/24 13:39 / njp
Chloride	9	mg/L		1		E300.0	02/07/24 19:12 / caa
Sulfate	10	mg/L		1		E300.0	02/07/24 19:12 / caa
Fluoride	0.1	mg/L		0.1		E300.0	02/07/24 19:12 / caa
Hardness as CaCO3	270	mg/L		1		A2340 B	02/08/24 19:47 / bap
Sodium Adsorption Ratio (SAR)	0.19	unitless		0.01		Calculation	02/08/24 19:47 / bap
<b>NUTRIENTS</b>							
Nitrogen, Nitrate+Nitrite as N	0.05	mg/L		0.01	10	E353.2	02/07/24 16:19 / krt
<b>METALS, ACID-SOLUBLE</b>							
Aluminum	ND	mg/L		0.03		E200.8	02/08/24 20:08 / jks
Antimony	ND	mg/L		0.001		E200.8	02/07/24 21:32 / jks
Arsenic	ND	mg/L		0.001		E200.8	02/07/24 21:32 / jks
Barium	0.05	mg/L		0.05		E200.8	02/07/24 21:32 / jks
Beryllium	ND	mg/L		0.001		E200.8	02/07/24 21:32 / jks
Cadmium	ND	mg/L		0.001		E200.8	02/07/24 21:32 / jks
Calcium	76	mg/L		1		E200.7	02/08/24 19:47 / enb
Chromium	ND	mg/L		0.005		E200.8	02/07/24 21:32 / jks
Copper	ND	mg/L		0.005		E200.8	02/07/24 21:32 / jks
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Uranium	0.0018	mg/L		0.0003		E200.8	02/07/24 21:32 / jks
Zinc	ND	mg/L		0.01		E200.8	02/07/24 21:32 / jks
<b>METALS, TOTAL</b>							
Mercury	ND	mg/L		0.0001	0.002	E245.1	02/08/24 12:33 / nrb

## PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

pH	7.3	s.u.	H	0.1	A4500-H B
pH Measurement Temp	18.7	°C		1.0	A4500-H B
Conductivity @ 25 C	450	umhos/cm		5	A2510 B
Corrosivity (Langelier Index)	0.2				A2330 B
Solids, Total Dissolved - Calculated	275	mg/L		1.0	A1030 E

If a sample temperature at the time of collection is not provided, the Langelier is calculated using a default temperature of 20 degree

## INORGANICS

Alkalinity, Total as CaCO3	247	mg/L	4	A2320 B
Bicarbonate as HCO3	302	mg/L	4	A2320 B
Carbonate as CO3	ND	mg/L	4	A2320 B
Chloride	9	mg/L	1	E300.0
Sulfate	10	mg/L	1	E300.0
Fluoride	0.1	mg/L	0.1	E300.0
Hardness as CaCO3	270	mg/L	1	A2340 B
Sodium Adsorption Ratio (SAR)	0.19	unitless	0.01	Calculation

## NUTRIENTS

Nitrogen, Nitrate+Nitrite as N	0.05	mg/L	0.01	10	E353.2
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## LABORATORY ANALYTICAL REPORT

Prepared by Billings, MT Branch

Client: MSU Well Educated  
Project:  
Lab ID:  
Client Sample ID:

Report Date: 02/12/24  
Collection Date: 02/06/24 10:00  
Date Received: 02/07/24  
Matrix: Drinking Water

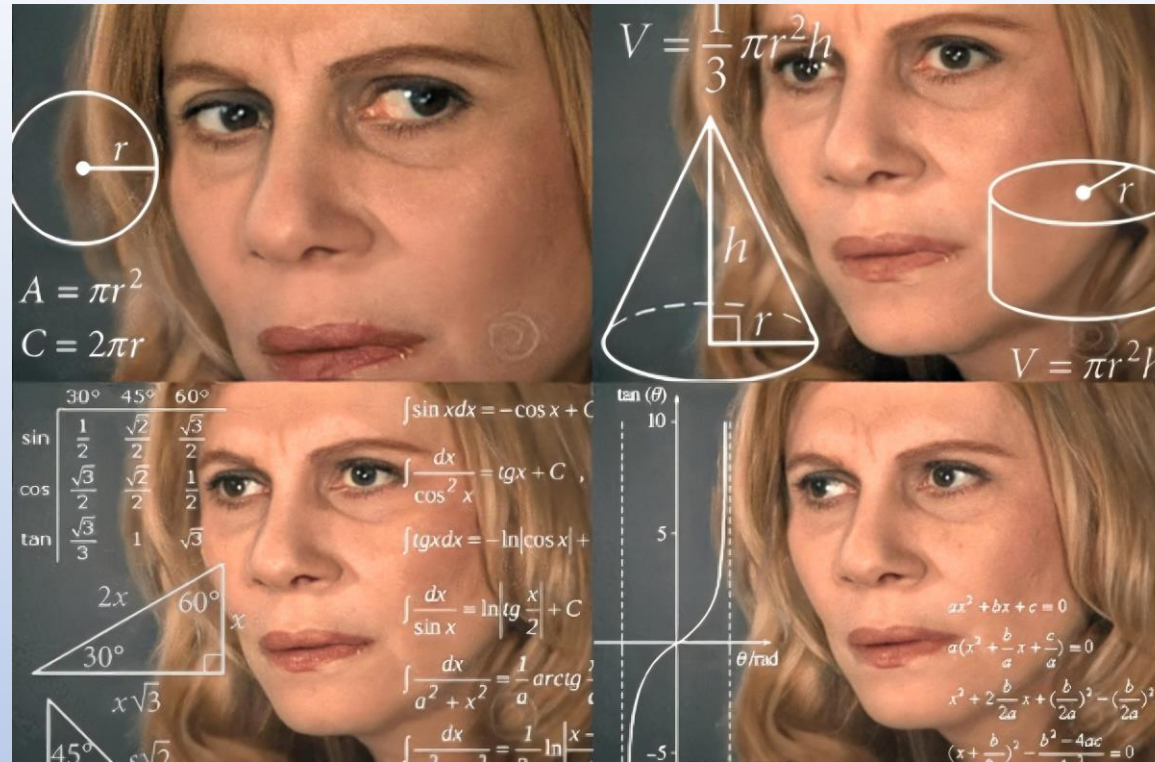
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Cadmium	ND	mg/L		0.001		E200.8	02/07/24 21:32 / jks
Calcium	76	mg/L		1		E200.7	02/08/24 19:47 / enb
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The staff of the Local Water Quality District is here to help Monday – Friday.

Offices in Downtown Bozeman. We love “Walk Ins” and helping people with their drinking water needs.

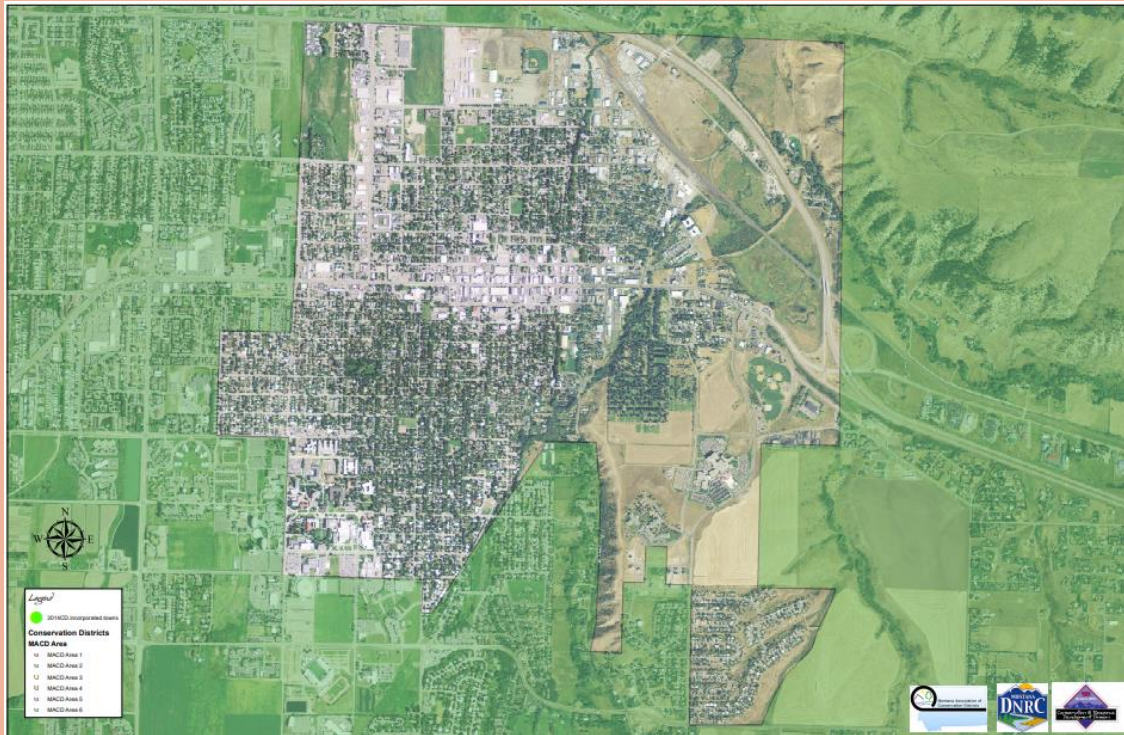
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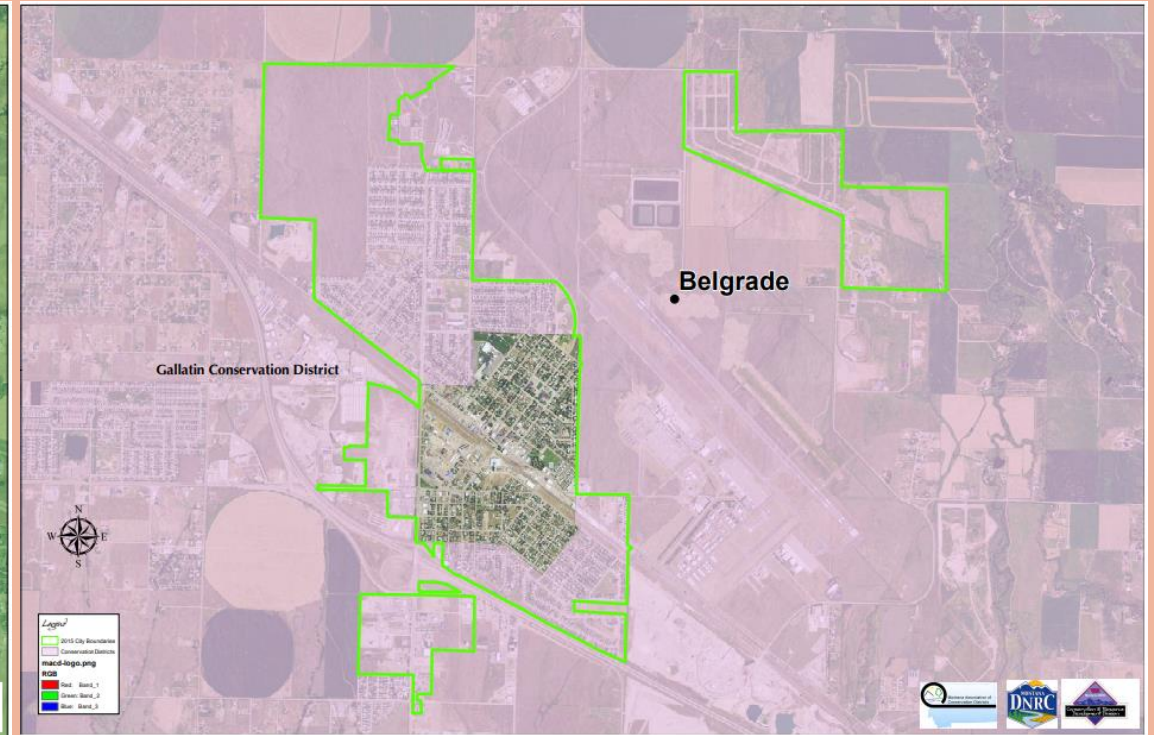




## Bozeman 1949 Boundary



## Belgrade 1949 Boundary



Sorry, residents within the main city limits of  
Belgrade and Bozeman

## Well Testing Cost Share Program

Gallatin Conservation District is offering a cost share opportunity in Gallatin County. [Click here to learn more about this program.](#)

This opportunity reimburses Gallatin County residents within the C using the *Well Educated* program. Cost share assistance is not available for any private wells located within the main city limits of Belgrade and Bozeman. [Click here for the Bozeman map](#) and [click here for the Belgrade map](#).

**We do require that all residents seeking cost share assistance agree to share their testing results with all three information avenues listed on the Well Educated registration form (items I – N).** We wish to promote the sharing of these results with water resource managers and water quality databases so that these resources can be used to further understand the water quality of Gallatin County and what we can do to protect our water.

### Required Forms and Deadlines for *Well Educated* program Cost Share Opportunity

- Residents seeking cost share assistance for the *Well Educated* program must fill out the *Well Educated* Program Well Testing Cost Share Application form.
- Provide the following to the Gallatin Conservation District by the second Thursday of the month.
  - *Well Educated* Program Well Testing Cost Share Application form
  - *Well Educated* Registration Form
  - Test Results from Energy Laboratories
- If approved, the Gallatin Conservation District reimburses the landowner up to 75% of the costs paid.

[Well Educated Program Well Testing Cost Share Application form](#)



WELL EDUCATED PROGRAM WELL TESTING COST SHARE APPLICATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a resident of Gallatin County? \_\_\_\_\_ Length of residency in Gallatin County: \_\_\_\_\_

Landowner and/or lessee name, address, telephone (if other than applicant):

\_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about this Cost Share opportunity?

\_\_\_\_\_



Well Location: \_\_\_\_ 1/4, \_\_\_\_ 1/4, \_\_\_\_ 1/4, Section \_\_\_\_, Township \_\_\_\_, Range \_\_\_\_

Nearest Town \_\_\_\_\_ OR Latitude/Longitude Coordinates: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you willing to share your *Well Educated* test results and well location with county health and research organizations and databases? (Items I – N on the *Well Educated* Registration Form): **Yes** **No**

Which parameter package(s) will you be testing for? \_\_\_\_\_

Total cost incurred by the well owner: \_\_\_\_\_ (= Total Cost on Parameter Choice List)

Total cost requested for reimbursement by GCD (up to 75% of total costs): \_\_\_\_\_

Well Educated

Tracking Number

# Registration Form

Please Print Legibly

For Lab Use

Sample ID:

Date Sample:

Temp:

Notes:

Date Received:

Check #:

A) Last Name:

First Name:

For Office Use Only

B) Well Code:

(leave blank if this is the first time the well has been tested)

C) Write a 5 word description for this sample: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you submitting multiple sets of samples? (both bottles from the kit = 1 set) ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, how many \_\_\_\_\_

D) Mailing Address:

Zip code:

E) Physical Address of Well: (write NA if same as mailing)

Zip code:

F) Phone Number

G) County Well is In

H) Email (print clearly, results emailed)

I) May we share your results with your county extension agent and/or sanitarian? ☒ Yes ☐ No

J) Would you like your results included on a map of water quality in your county? ☒ Yes ☐ No

K) Location of Well (decimal degrees) - Lat \_\_\_\_ ° Long \_\_\_\_ °  
(Guidance available on the MSU Extension Well Educated website for finding your coordinates.)

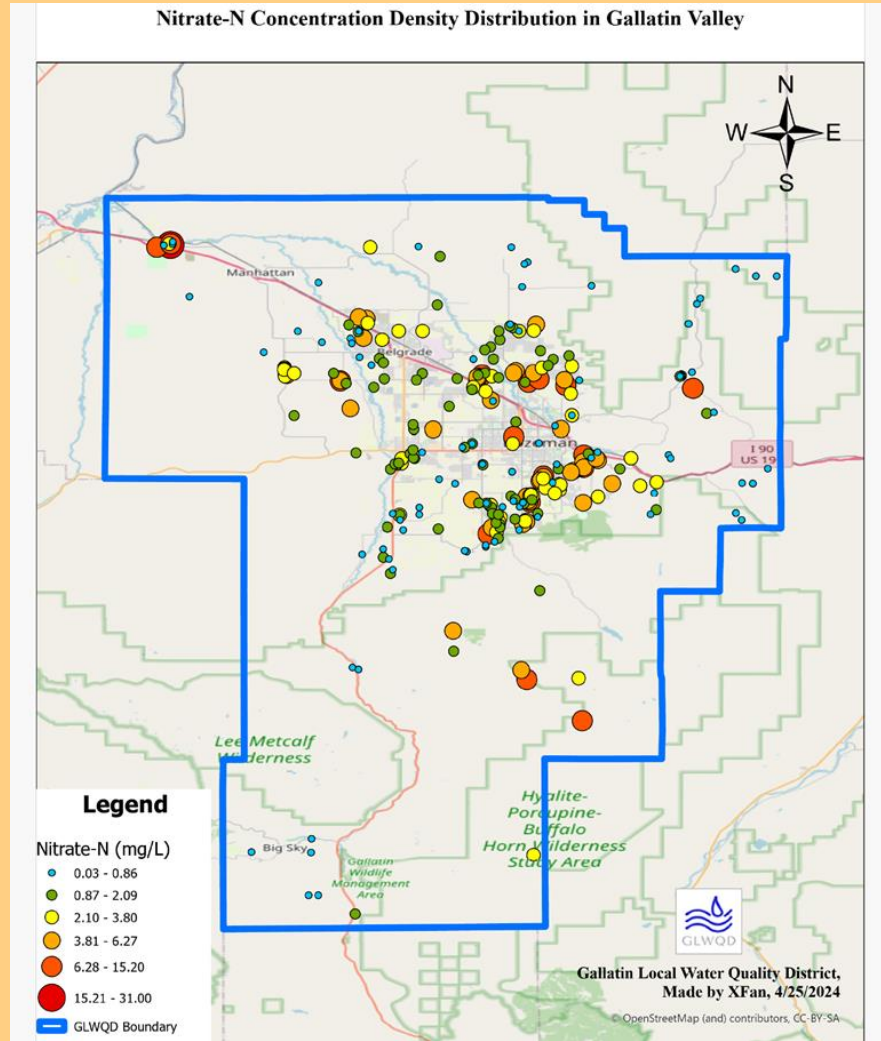
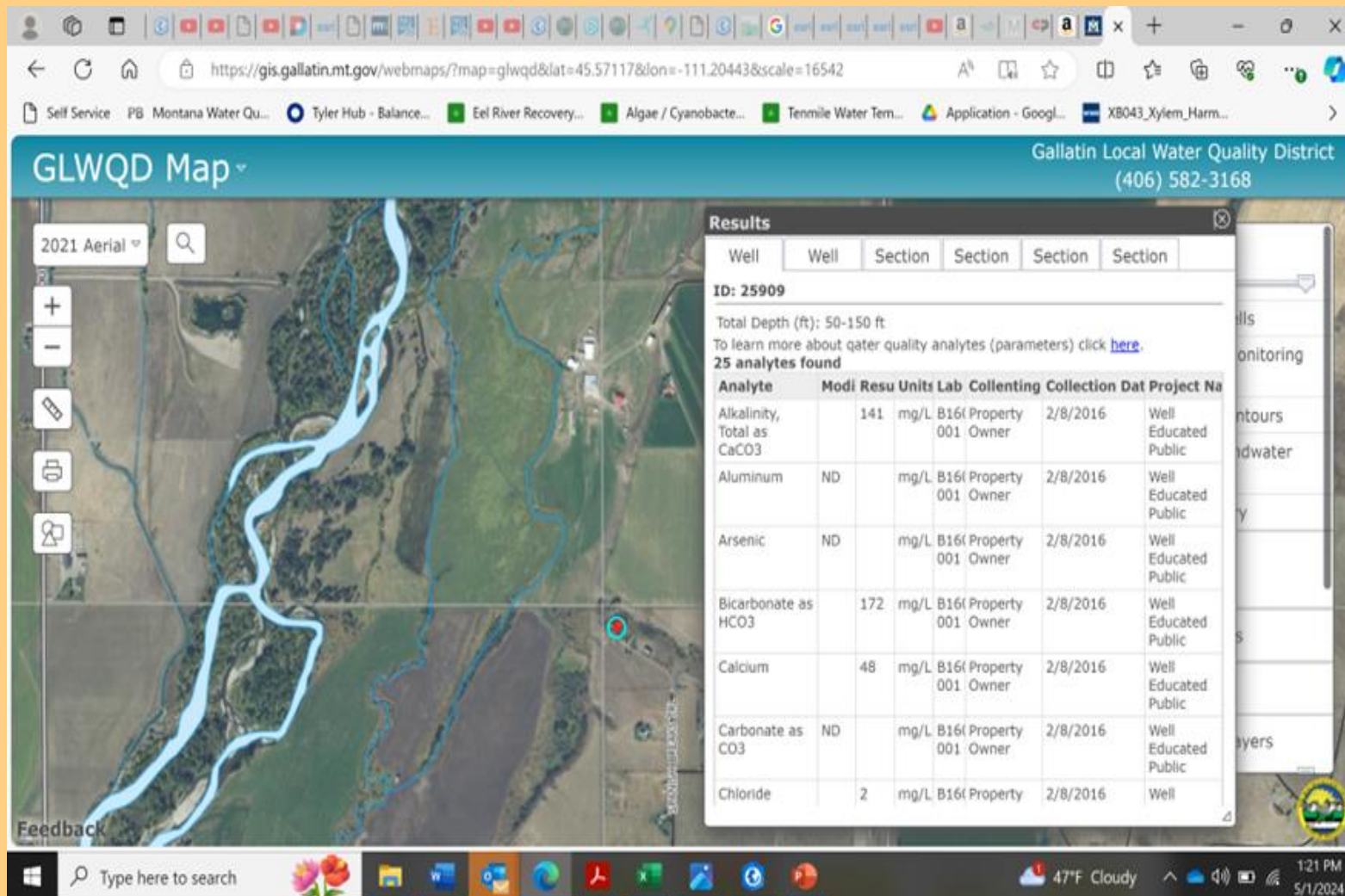
L) Method used to find latitude and longitude Google Earth ☐ GWIC ☐ GPS ☐

M) Are you interested in sharing your results in Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology's online database? ☒ Yes ☐ No

N) If Available, enter GWIC Id here \_\_\_\_\_

(GWIC instructions included. You can opt to share data without providing your GWIC code.)

# What does it mean to share your data?





## **SIGNATURE**

I hereby declare that the information and all statements attached to this application are true, complete, and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Applications can be submitted to Elizabeth Emeline at [elizabeth@gallatincd.org](mailto:elizabeth@gallatincd.org), mailed to the GCD office at Gallatin Conservation District, PO Box 569, Manhattan, MT 59741, or physically dropped off at the office drop box (or inside the office) at 120 S 5th St, Suite B104, Manhattan, MT 59741.**

**A copy of your *Well Educated* well test results must be turned into the GCD before receiving reimbursement.**

Send:

Timeline:

Email - Within a few days

USPS - Within a week

- Well Educated Well Testing Cost Share Application form
- Well Educated Registration Form & Parameter Choice List
- Test Results from Energy Laboratories

If approved, reimbursement check for up to 75% of the total testing cost will be mailed to the mailing address on the Registration Form.



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Comments? Questions?



# Gallatin Well Testing Clinics

## Water Treatment & Well Owner Responsibilities

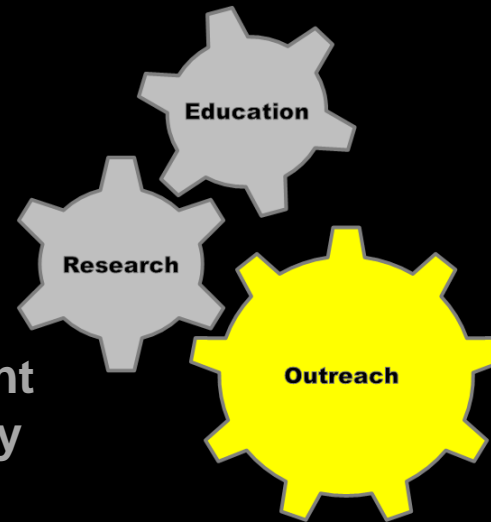
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Extension Water Quality Specialist, Assistant Professor

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# Treatment

Point of Entry (whole house)



Point of Use



# Common Treatment

## Health Related

- Reverse Osmosis – removes dissolved material
- Activated Carbon – adsorbs (sticks) to organics & some other contaminants
- Ultraviolet or Chlorination - for pathogens

## Non-Health Related (aesthetic/secondary)

- Water Softeners (not necessary below about 100-120 mg/L as CaCO<sub>3</sub>)
  - To reduce hardness
  - Will also remove some manganese (black staining)
- Iron Removal
  - To reduce red staining
  - Sometimes accompanied by iron bacteria

# Reverse Osmosis

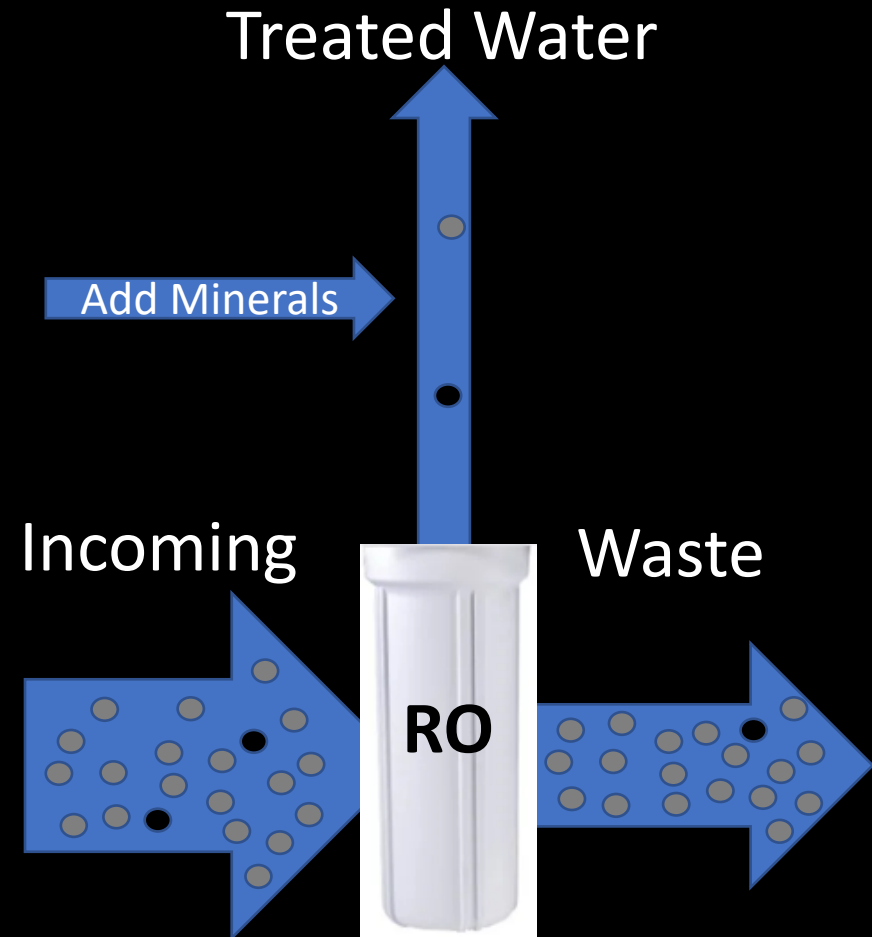
Pre-Treatment



Water Softener



Post-Treatment





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ExtensionWater@montana.edu

Location: Marsh Labs, Room 2

## Private Well Testing:

welleducated@montana.edu

## Water Quality Specialist:

W. Adam Sigler

## Student Employees:

Meghan Robinson

## Affiliates:

Kyle Johnson

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## About Us

## Water Treatment

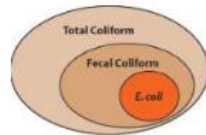
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1. Certified Professional Listings
2. Ask friends and neighbors about their experiences

### Water Treatment Factsheet



### Total Coliform and E. Coli Bacteria



### NSF Certified Water Treatment Units



### Find Certified Professionals



## Video Guidance:

### Water Treatment Basics Video



### Shock Chlorination of a Private Well



# Video on Well and Septic Systems in the Water Cycle



## Taking Care of Our Ground Water

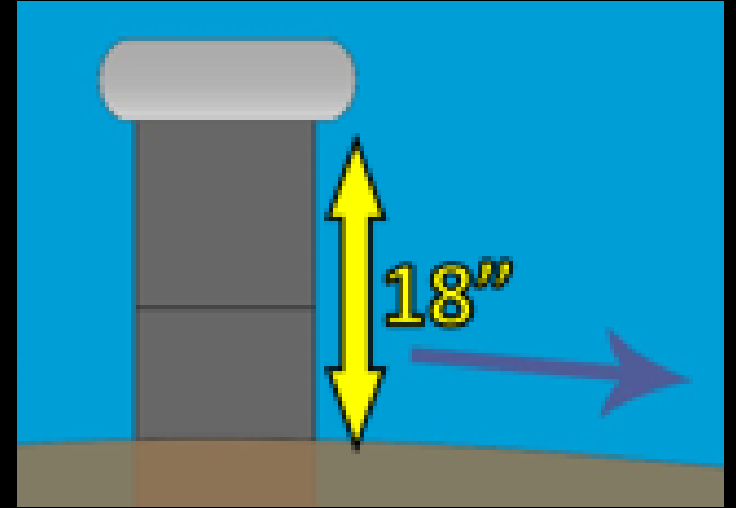
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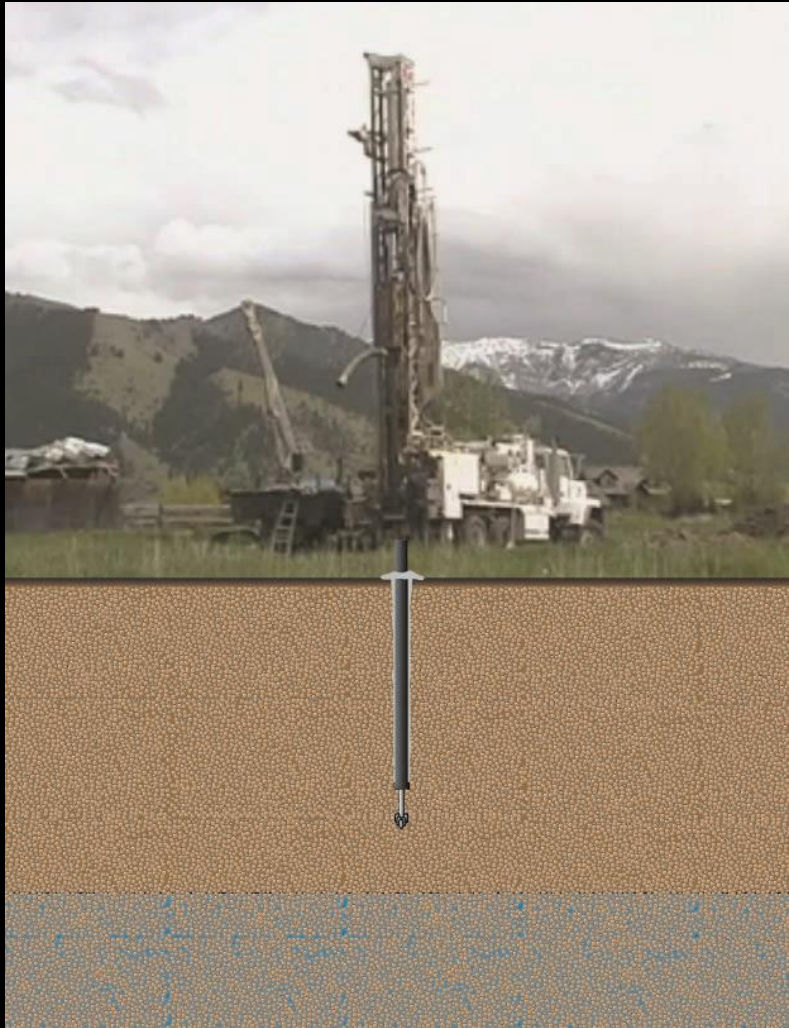
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5. Limit use of lawn & garden chemicals
6. Prevent damage to well casing
7. Slope ground away from casing
8. Make sure top of casing is 18 inches above ground surface and above flood prone elevation
9. Install backflow protectors
10. Certified well driller new well, modification or abandonment





# Problems with Wellheads



# Well Caps



Standard Cap



Sanitary seal well cap

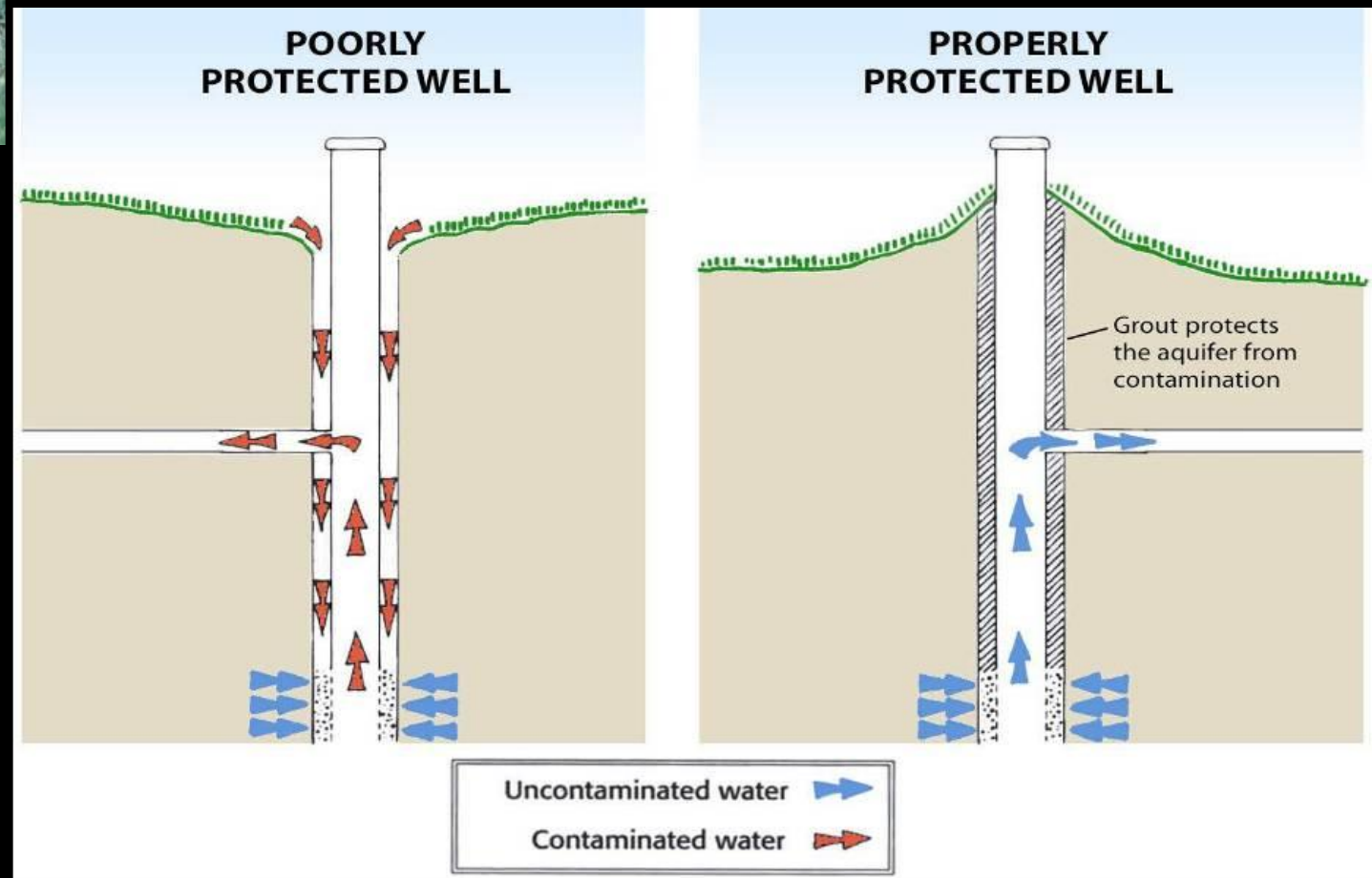


Split cap



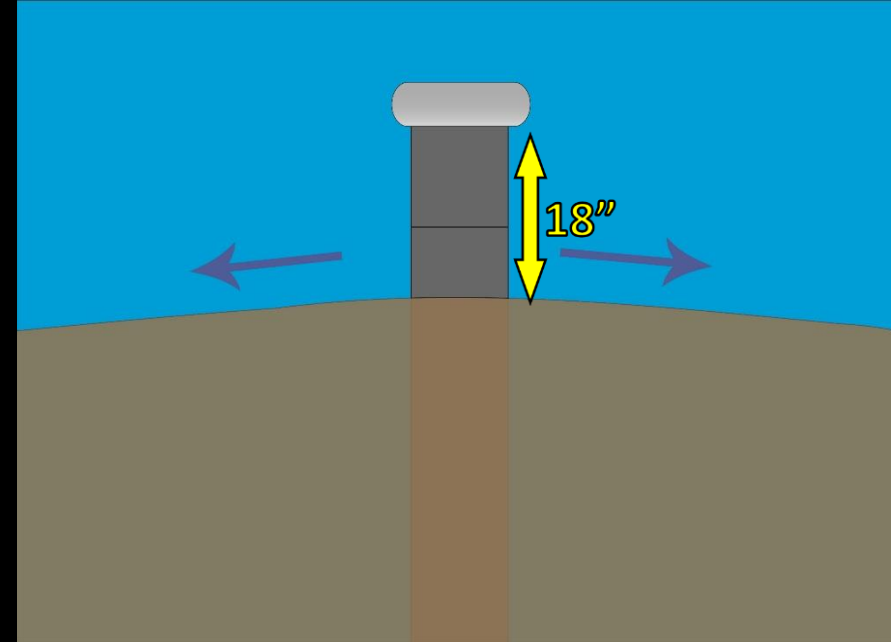
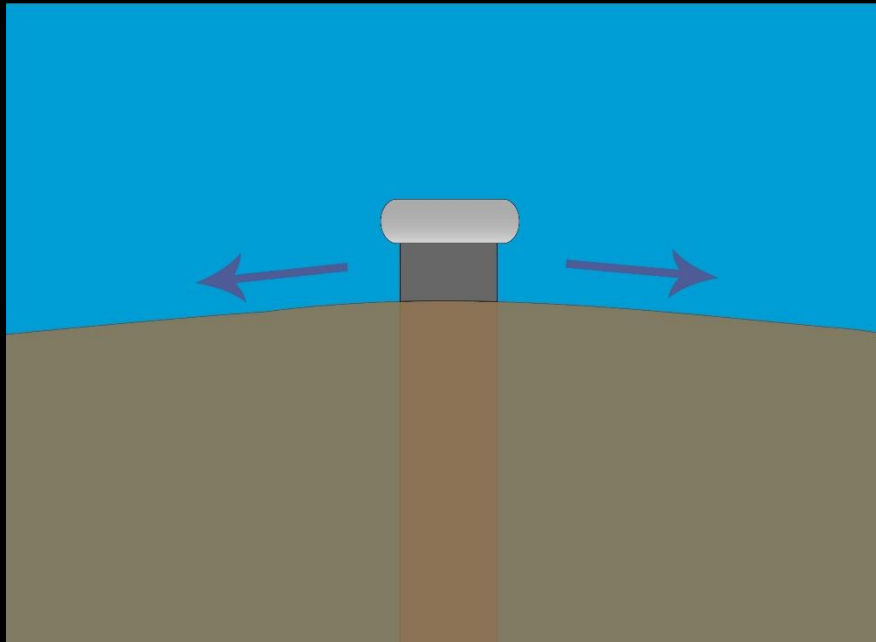
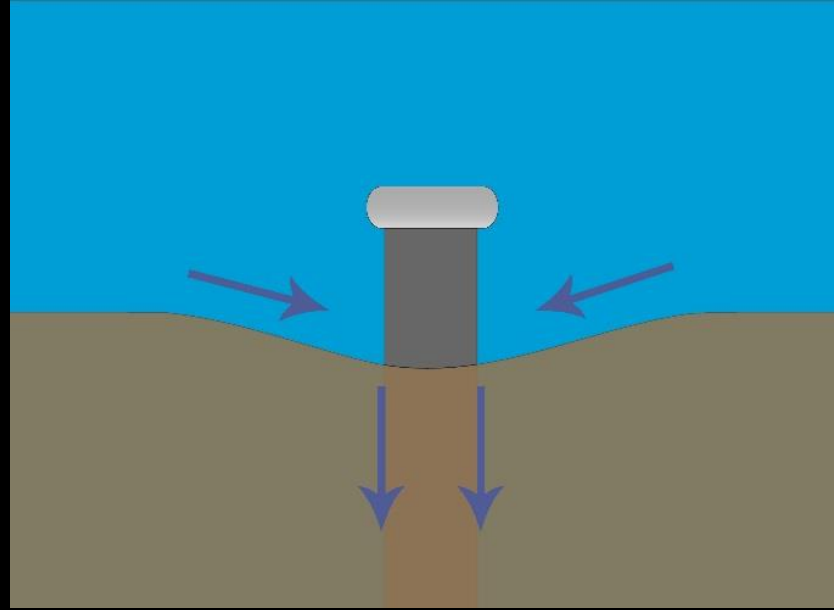


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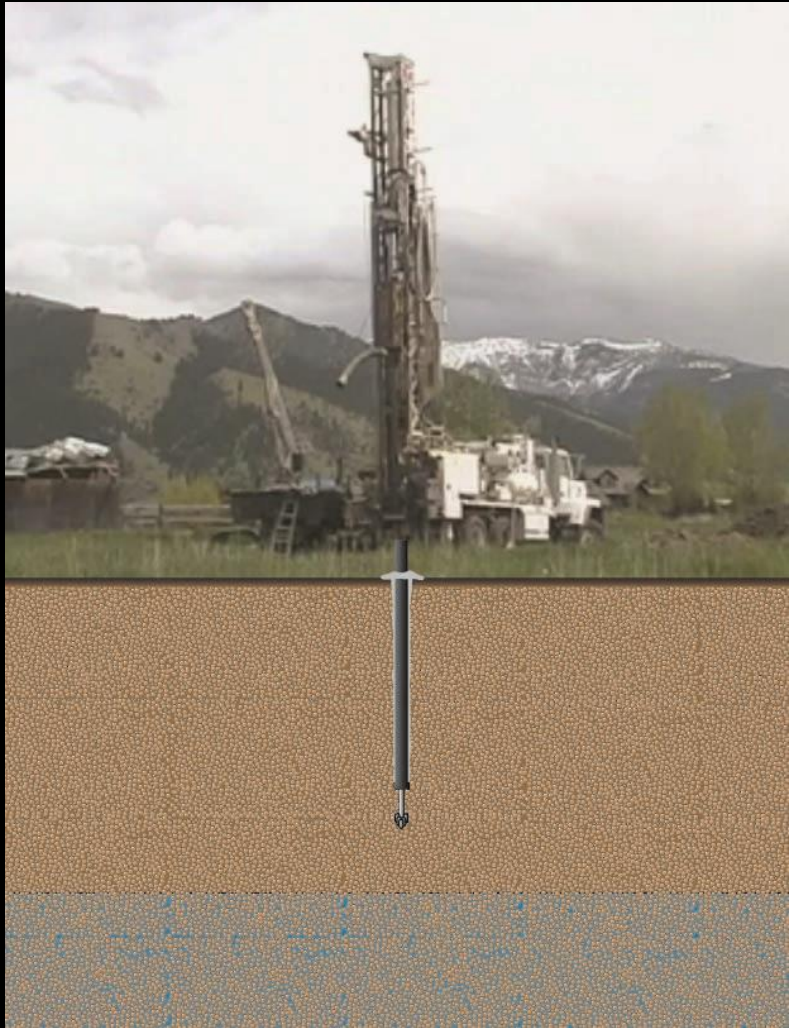




# Slope and Casing Height



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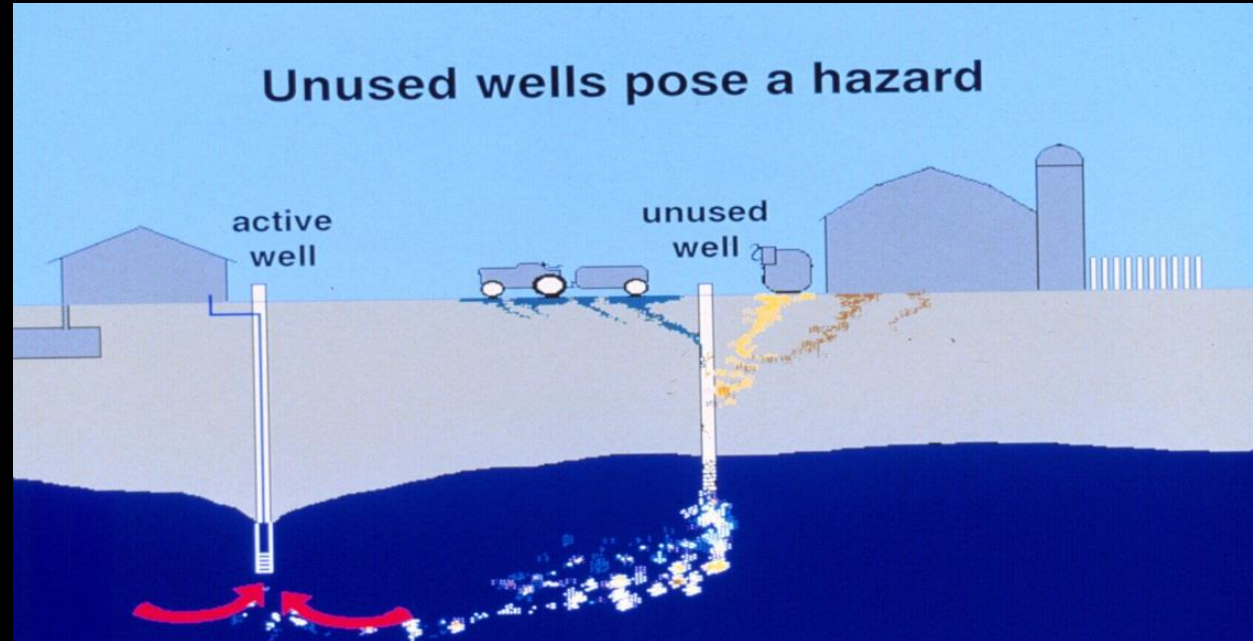


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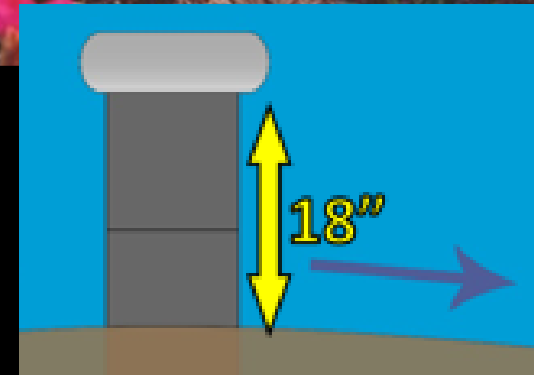
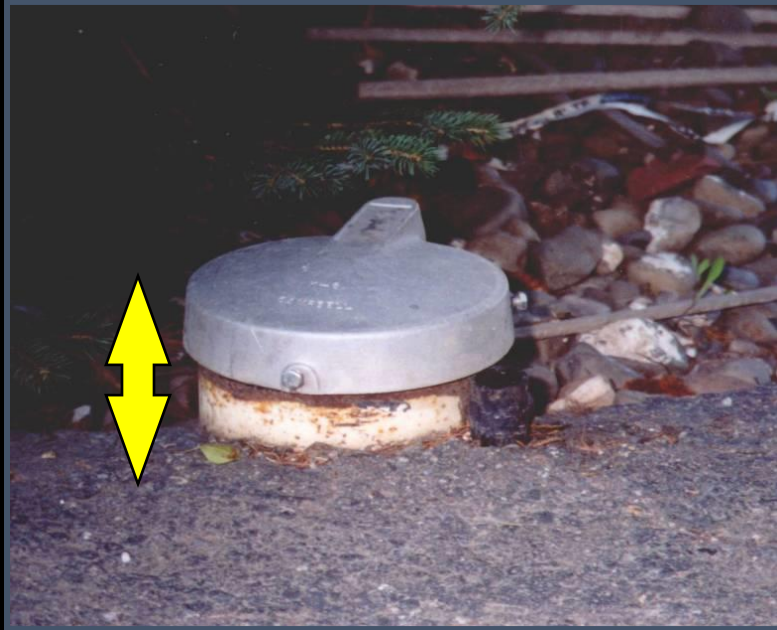




# Abandoned Wells



# Height of Casing above Ground





# Uncapped Wells







Uncapped Well



# Damaged Casing



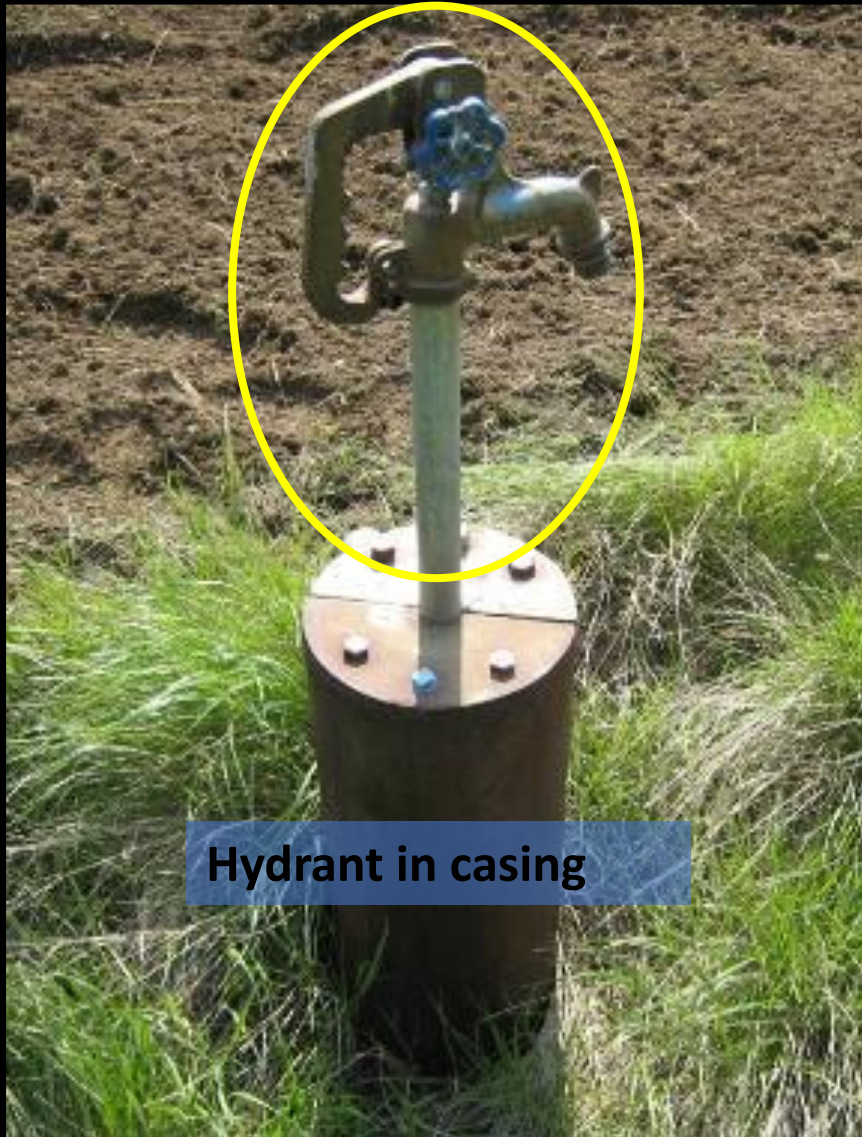


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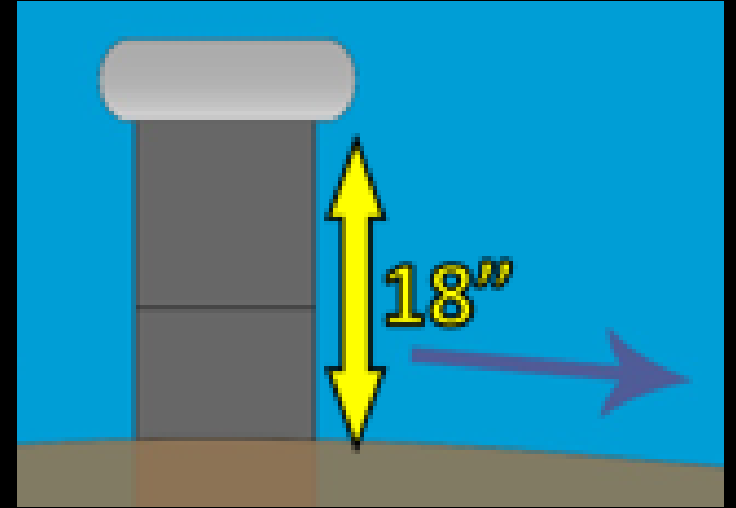


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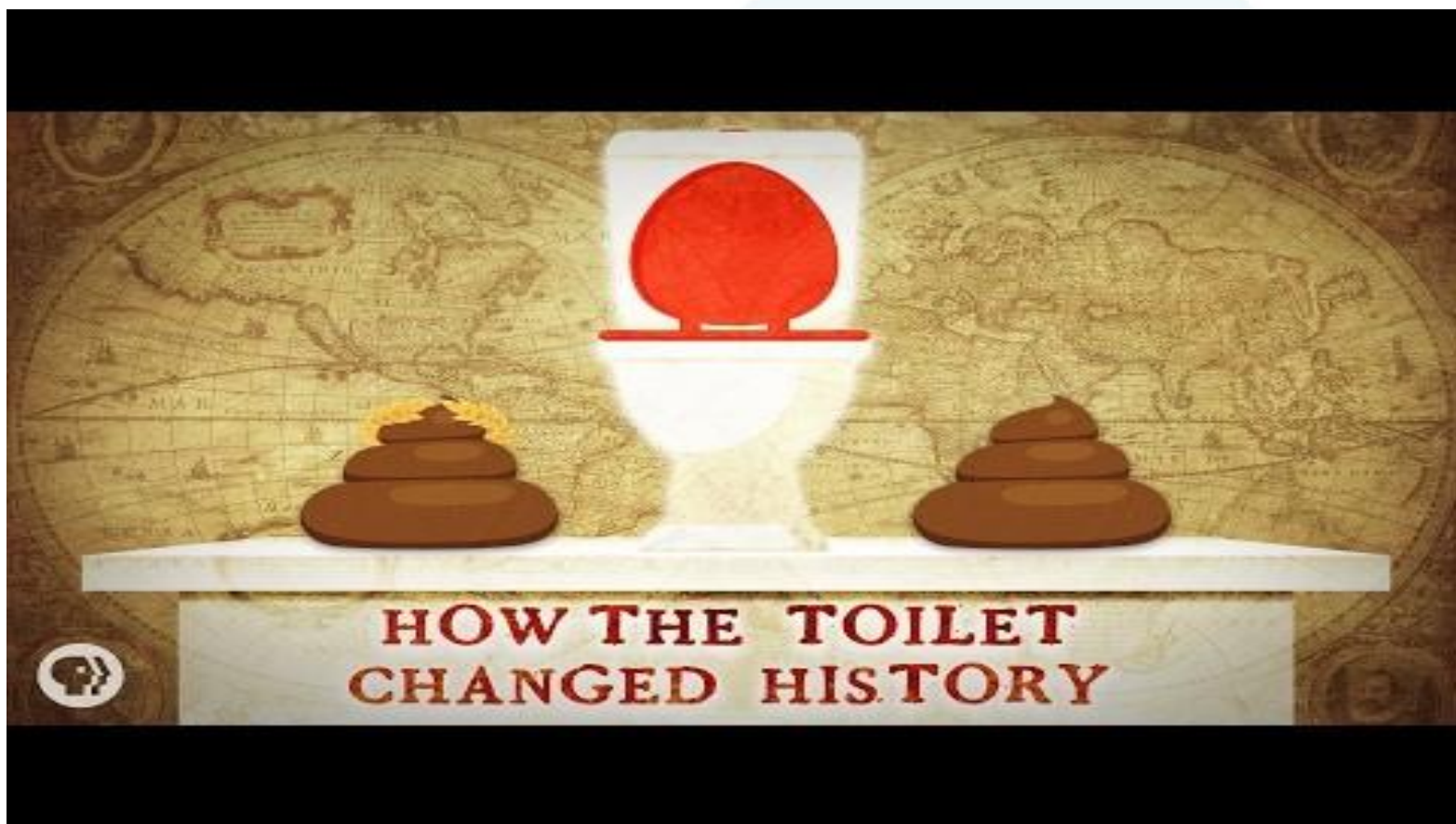
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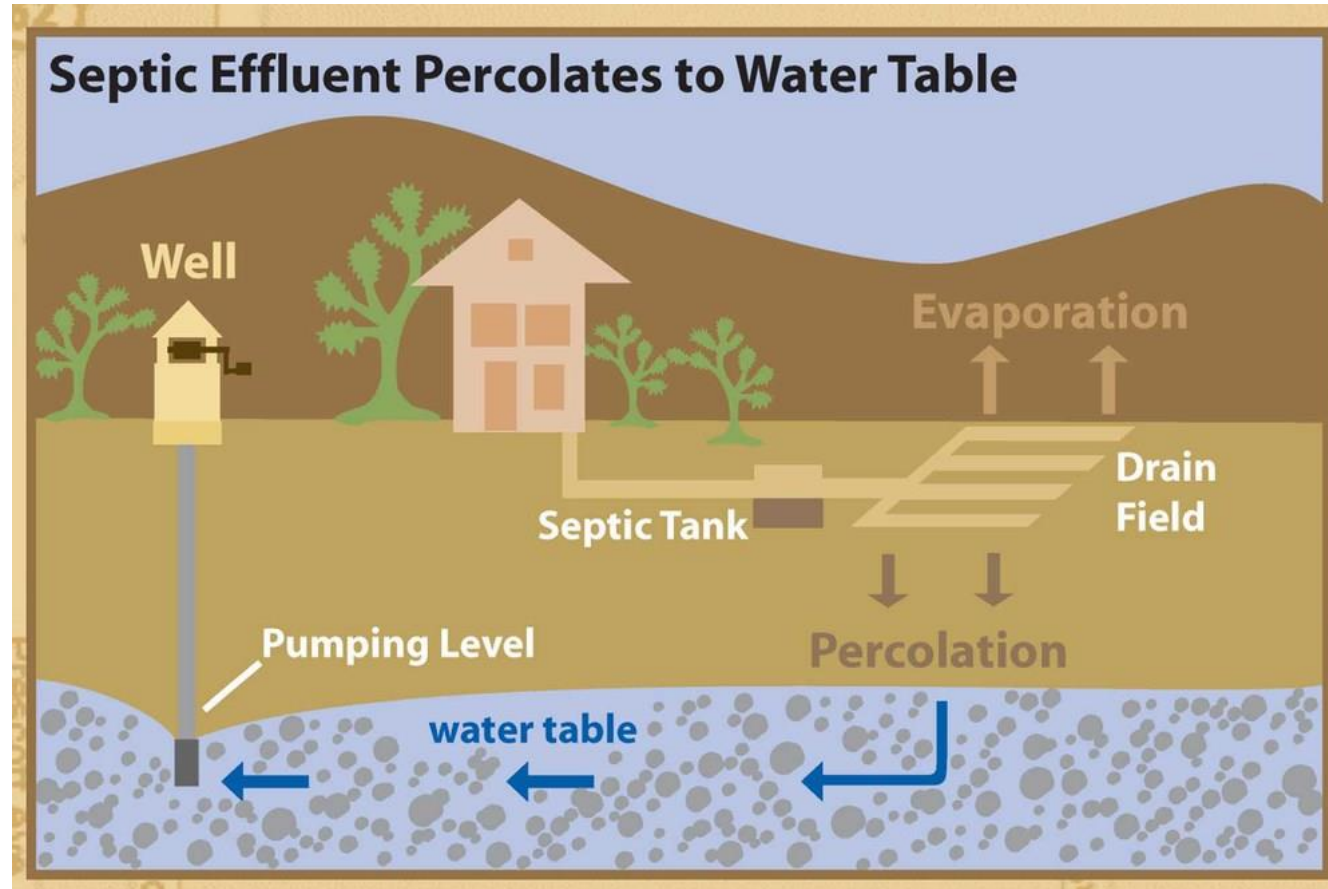
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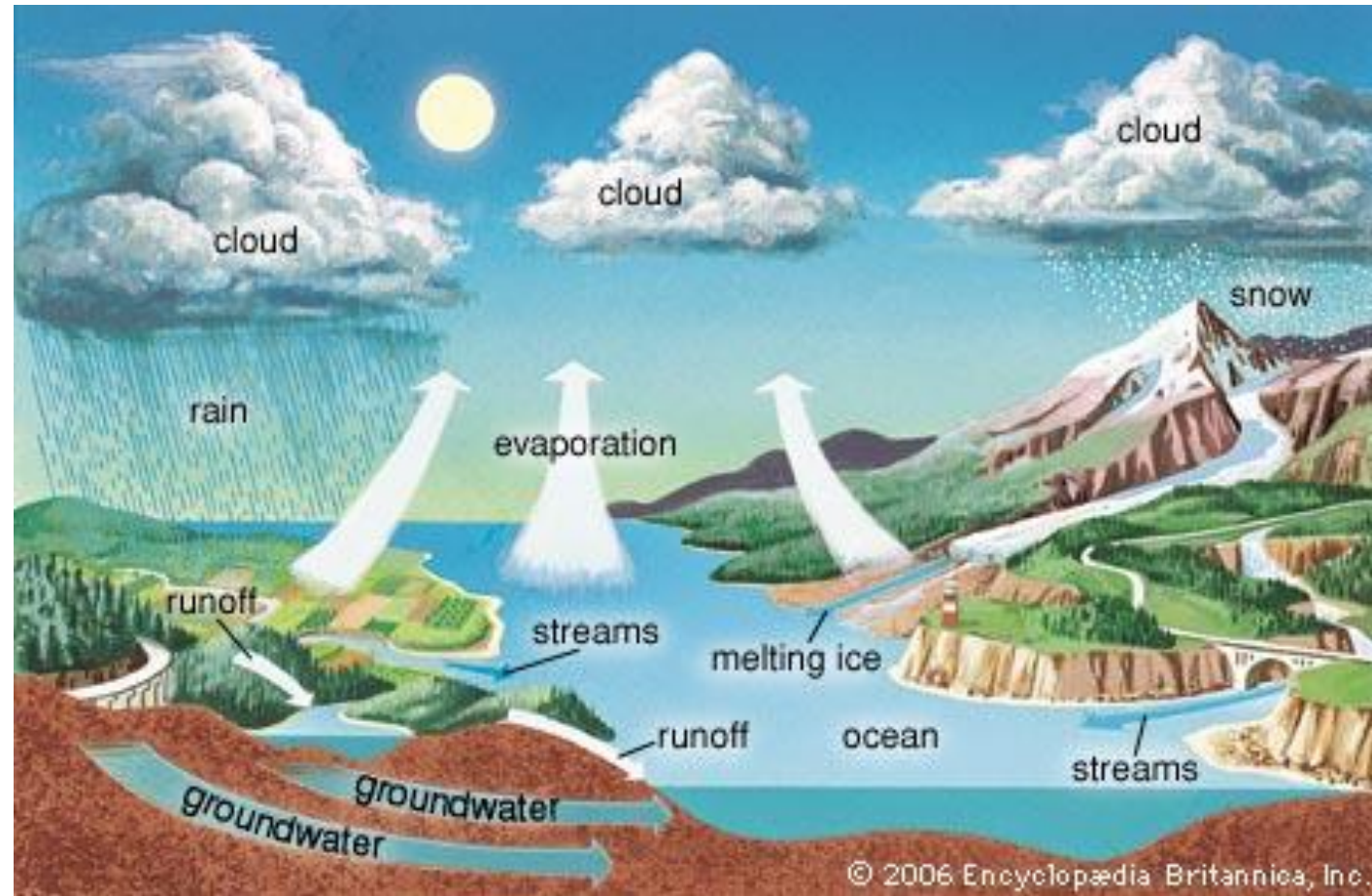
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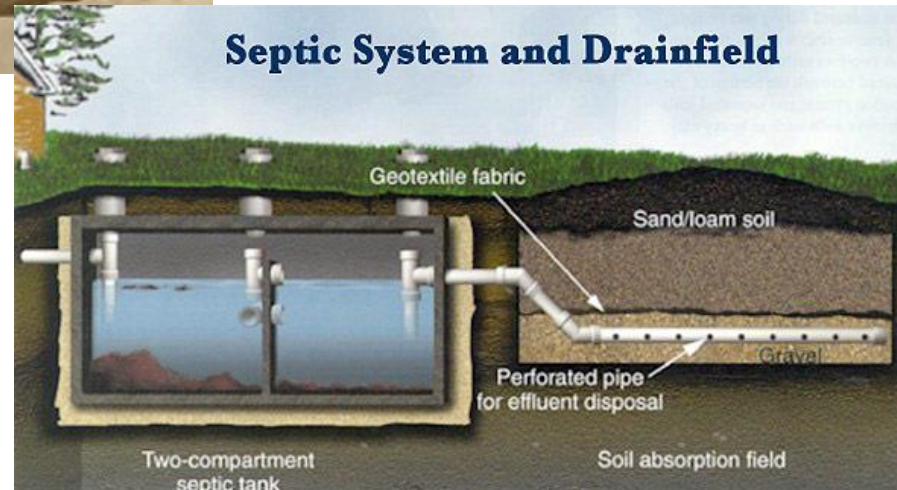
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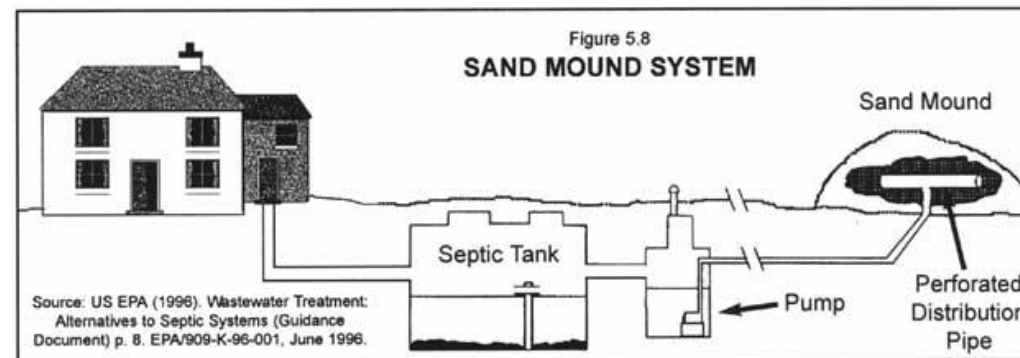
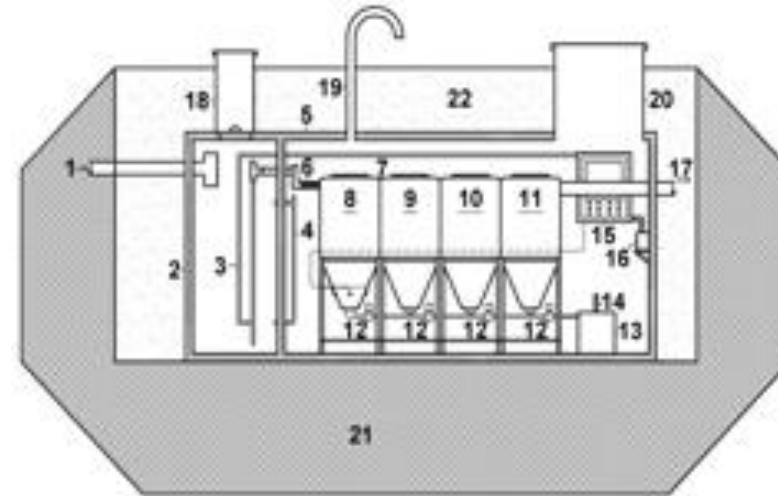
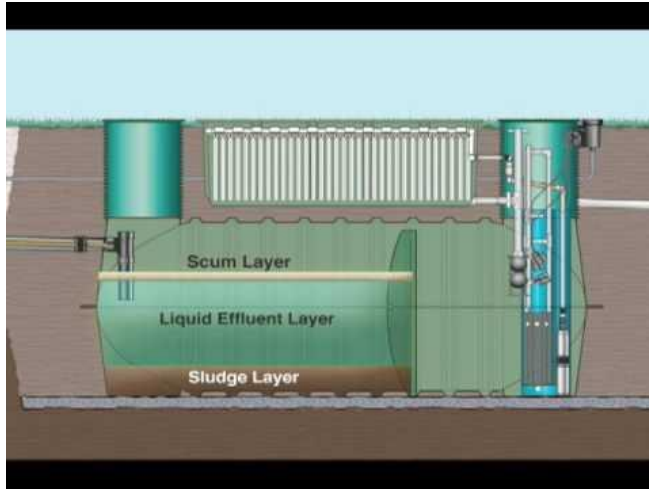




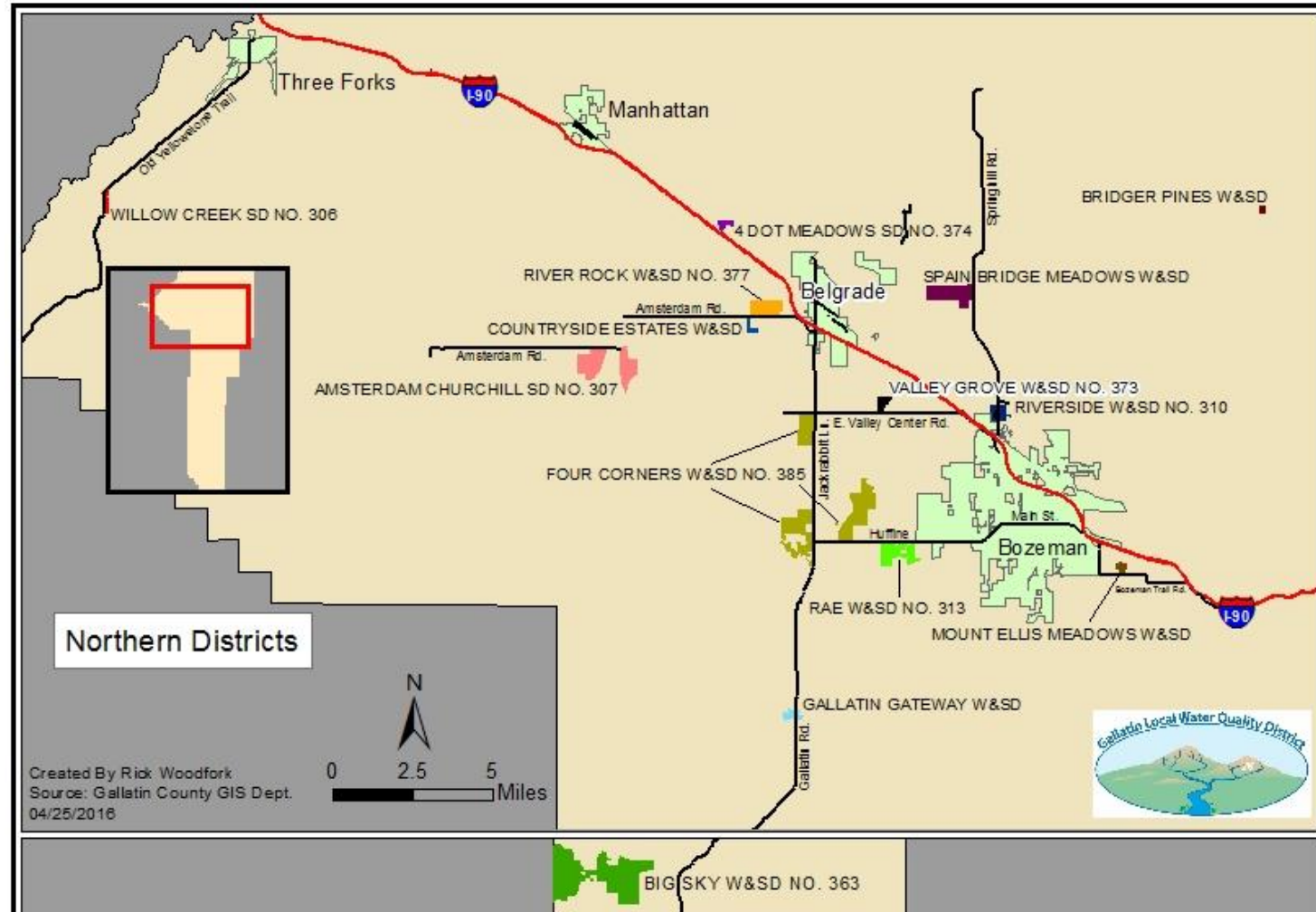




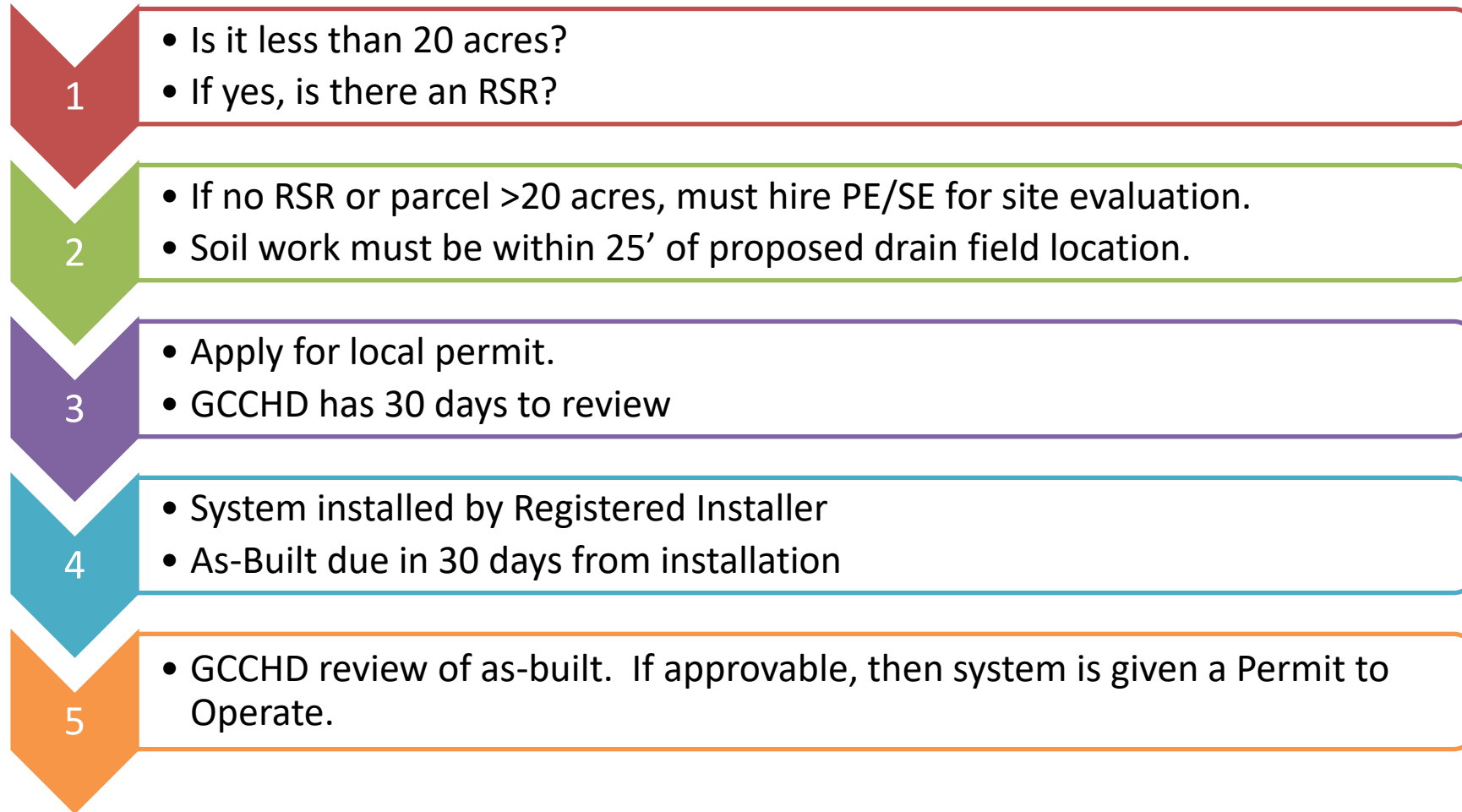
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# Distribution of Municipal and Public Systems



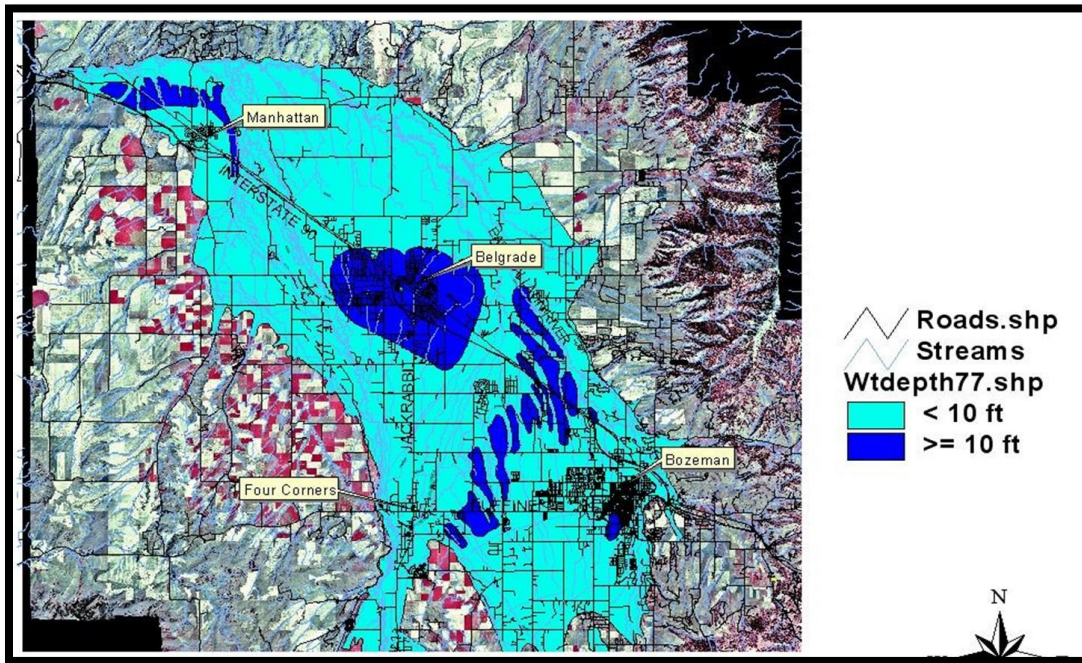
# Local Permit Process





# Items of concern

- Soils
- Slope
  - Anything 25%-35% requires a Professional Engineer certification. >35% not allowable.
- Floodplain
  - 100' setback to 100 year base flood elevation
- High groundwater or bedrock
  - Monitoring required if seasonal high groundwater is <7' below ground surface at any time of year
  - State requires 48" of separation from the bottom of the trench to top of seasonal high groundwater or bedrock layer



# What if it is non-compliant?

- Fix it!
  - Likely will require the services of a Professional Engineer or Site Evaluator to get the project going.
  - May be expensive, time consuming or both.
- Generally this can be ironed out in the negotiation, but if the issue is left unresolved it can cause significant issues down the road...
- GCCHD does pursue formal enforcement when there is a complaint or it comes to our attention during the normal course of business.





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Your online resource for Healthy Living in Gallatin Valley.