

Tips for Small Acreage Owners...

How can I be a part of the solution to pathogen pollution?

- Maintain your septic system in good condition and pump regularly
- Manage animal wastes properly
- Maintain a protection zone around your wellhead
- Never dump untreated waste directly into water bodies

How can I be a part of the solution for sediment pollution?

- Control erosion
- Manage grazing to maintain healthy grass cover on pastures
- Revegetate bare ground
- Create buffer areas adjacent to streams to catch sediment
- Stabilize slopes and other erosion-prone areas

How can I be a part of the solution to chemical pollution?

- Repair oil leaks promptly
- Recycle motor oil at drop-off centers
- Apply pesticides carefully ONLY after pests have been identified, the correct product chosen, and the label read
- Store and dispose of hazardous materials properly
- Keep chemicals away from your well

How can I be a solution to nutrient pollution?

- Test your soil and fertilize only in the amounts needed.
- Apply fertilizers at the correct time, and don't let them wash off your fields and into ditches or streams.
- Dispose of manure properly.
- Pump your septic system regularly.

