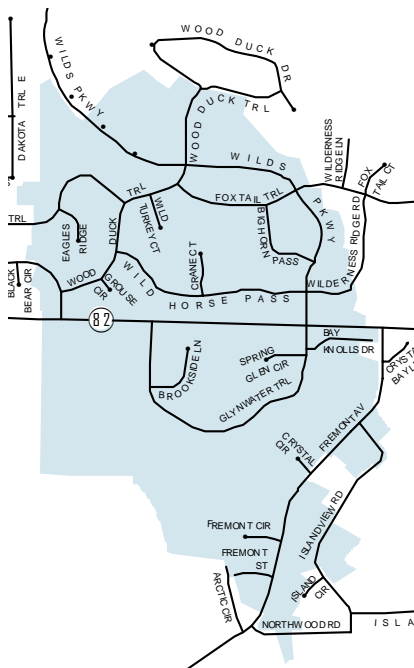




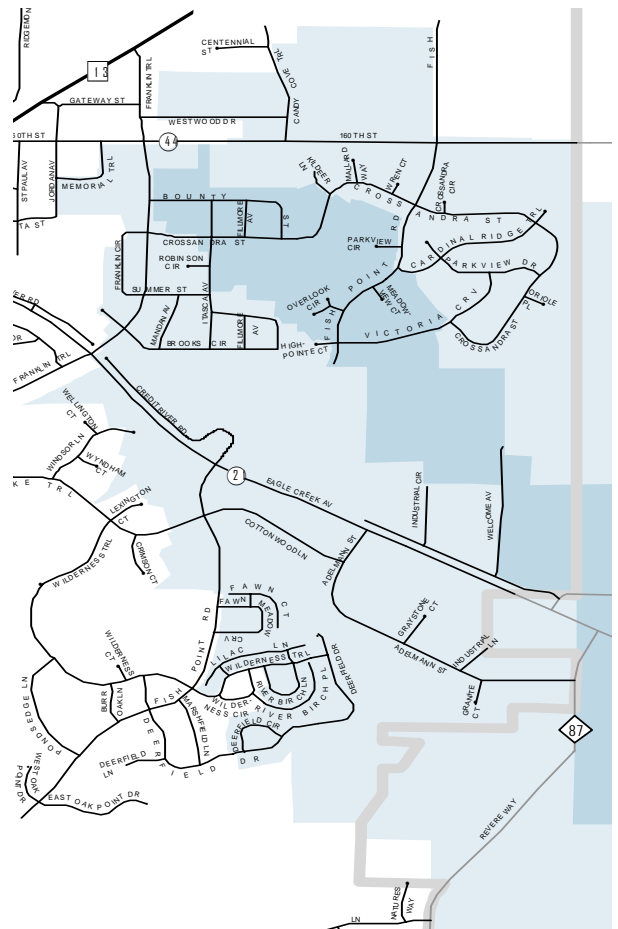
PRIOR LAKE WELLHEAD AND SOURCE WATER PROTECTION

What is a Wellhead Protection Area?

It is the area located near a City's well where surface water and pollution can eventually reach the groundwater that is pumped by the well. These areas are under protection because they are at the highest risk of adding pollutants to the City's water supply.



The areas highlighted in blue are the Wellhead Protections Areas. The area that is the darkest shade of blue is the area under the greatest protection. This area is at the highest risk of adding pollutants to the City's water supply. Please take note of where your house is located in these areas.



Potential Dangers?



It is important to keep pollutants away from the Wellhead Area because the groundwater here drains directly to the City well. Pollution of groundwater can be caused by things such as septic tanks, water run-off from roads, pesticides, fertilizers, household hazardous wastes, and much more. The consequences of polluted groundwater can include higher costs for water service associated water treatment and health risks to those drinking the water.



EASY STEPS FOR HOMEOWNERS!

There are many things you can do around your home to greatly protect the Wellhead Area.

Reduce Household Hazardous Wastes (HHW):



- Reduce the amount of hazardous cleaners that you purchase by making your own with simple things like lemon juice, baking soda, and vinegar.
- Do NOT pour chemicals down the drain, onto the ground, or down the storm drain.
- For proper disposal, hazardous waste can be brought to the **Scott County HHW Facility** at 588 Country Trail East (Hwy 282), Spring Lake Township. For more information and hours of operation, visit www.scottcountymn.gov/578/household-hazardous-waste
- After mowing your lawn do not leave grass clippings in the street or on the sidewalk. Sweep clippings off the street and collect them in a compost site.
- Don't over water your lawn! Water 1" per week.
- Don't over fertilize! The excess chemicals will wash off your lawn and into the storm sewer. Conduct a soil test to determine how to tend your lawn.
- When possible use organic, less toxic chemicals.
- Conserve water! Drain your gutter system into your lawn or collect water in a rain barrel to use when watering your grass and gardens.
- Plant a rain garden in your lawn. This allows water to soak into the ground instead of collecting chemicals as it flows down the street.



1" per Week



Prior Lake Rain Garden Program



For more information on soil tests, rain gardens, water conservation or other water topics, visit www.PriorLakeMN.gov

**Thank you for keeping
the City of Prior Lake Clean!**