

January 31, 2012

«First_Name» «Last_Name» or CURRENT PROPERTY OWNER
«Address»
«City», «State» «Zip_Code»

Dear Property Owner of «Address»:

The City of Lexington is currently in the process of implementing its Wellhead Protection Plan. If you are not already aware, the Wellhead Protection Plan is a means by which Lexington is acting to protect local drinking water wells (and the aquifer that serve those wells) from becoming contaminated. All municipal public water suppliers in the State of Minnesota are required to develop wellhead protection plans for their communities.

Your property is located within the drinking water protection area. Basically a drop of water landing on your property will be in the aquifer in about ten years. For more information visit the website <http://www.knowtheflow.us/>

As part of the Lexington planning effort, we are attempting to inventory the number and location of all privately-owned wells within the management area. There are two reasons why Lexington wishes to create this inventory of wells:

1. Any unused or abandoned wells may act as a conduit for contamination to infiltrate into the aquifer(s). If the contamination reaches the aquifer(s), other wells in the area may be at risk for becoming contaminated.
2. If contamination is discovered within the aquifer(s), regardless of the source, it may be possible to determine which nearby wells are in the greatest danger of becoming contaminated. By having your well in the inventory, Lexington will be able to more effectively warn you of any risks to your well. We can provide you with information about recommended water quality testing, should a possible threat be identified.

Currently, the Minnesota Department of Health requires that owners of properties containing unused wells should either seal those wells using a licensed well contractor or they should apply for a permit to keep the well open. If you have an unused well that is not sealed, it is to your advantage to let the City of Lexington know about it. Because Lexington has completed their Wellhead Protection Plan, they are in a position to help property owners obtain money from state grants and cost-sharing programs to seal those wells, should the property owner wish to seal the well.

We ask that you take a few minutes to fill out the attached survey form and return it to us. By doing so, you will be making sure that your well is included within the Lexington wellhead

protection inventory. Having your well in the inventory will not only help safeguard your own water supply, but will help Lexington maintain clean drinking water for your neighbors as well.

Also, if you wish to view a copy of the Lexington Wellhead Protection Plan, please visit City Hall at 9180 Lexington Avenue in Lexington.

Sincerely,

Bill Petracek
City Administrator, City of Lexington