



# Mark Your Calendar

## NATIONAL GROUNDWATER AWARENESS WEEK MARCH 10-16



Did you know that approximately 44 percent of Americans rely on groundwater for their drinking water supply? In rural areas, this number is about 96 percent.



Groundwater protection is especially important for people who utilize water wells for their daily household water supply. Here are several ways to protect your groundwater supply:

- **Keep hazardous materials and liquids away from any well. Do not dump hazardous materials, motor oil, or anything else that might impact water quality onto the land surface, into a pit or hole, or into a surface water supply.**
- **Always use licensed or certified water well drillers and pump installers when a well requires construction or service.**

With grant money available from the Iowa Department of Public Health, our office is able to offer free well water testing for bacteria and nitrate concentrations to Story County residents.



Please feel free to contact the Story County Environmental Health Department @ 515.382.7240 or by email @ [Healthweb@storycounty.com](mailto:Healthweb@storycounty.com) to participate in this program.

Links for more information: <http://ieha.cloverpad.org/Default.aspx?pagelid=1526448>  
<http://wellowner.org/>  
[http://www.igwa.org/content.aspx?page\\_id=0&club\\_id=528686](http://www.igwa.org/content.aspx?page_id=0&club_id=528686)

