

*Pennfield Township*  
**WELLHEAD PROTECTION  
NEWSLETTER**

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Hours: Monday - Thursday 8:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

~ Friday 8:00 A.M. - Noon - Closed Holidays



September 2011

**MISSION STATEMENT**

To safeguard the health, safety and welfare of persons of Pennfield Charter Township by protecting the groundwater that serves as drinking water, thus providing a safe, drinkable water supply now and for future generations.

**10 TOP THINGS YOU CAN  
DO TO BE A SOLUTION TO  
WATER POLLUTION**

- 1) Reduce the amount of household hazardous wastes generated at home
- 2) Recycle motor oil and other vehicle fluids
- 3) Throw litter in its place
- 4) Clean up after your pet
- 5) Check your vehicles for leaks
- 6) Never dump anything down a storm drain or drainage ditch
- 7) Compost yard clippings
- 8) Use fertilizer and pesticide only when needed
- 9) If you wash your vehicle at home, do so on the lawn rather than on pavement
- 10) Tell a friend or neighbor about how to prevent storm water pollution and get involved in your community

**TIPS AND SAFE PRACTICES #1  
RECYCLE**

Cleaning products, batteries, and many harmful pollutants can accidentally run into drains or drainage ditches and from there into waterways. A way to protect our water system can be as follows:

There are four household hazardous waste collection dates in Calhoun County every year. The last date for 2011 is:

**Saturday, September 17, 2011  
10:00 A.M. until 12 Noon at the George  
Toeller Building, 190 East  
Michigan Ave, Battle Creek, MI**

**Accepted Items (Examples)**

Old gasoline, kerosene, fuel oil in approved containers

Brake Fluid                      Solvents                      Acids

Pesticides                      Cleaners

Herbicides                      Mercury

Old prescriptions              Stain & Oil Paints

Anti-freeze                      Pool Chemicals

Aerosol Cans                      Fluorescent light

Bulbs

Batteries (flashlight and button)

CFL bulbs (compact fluorescent light) (NOT  
BROKEN)

**\*Additional information regarding items that will not be accepted can be found on the Pennfield Township Website [www.pennfieldtwp.com](http://www.pennfieldtwp.com). Check our website at a later date for upcoming 2012 recycling dates.**

**TIPS AND SAFE PRACTICES #2  
VEHICLE CARE**

**Soap your car, not the stream.** For home car washing, park vehicles over grass to keep soapy water from flowing down driveways, into streets and down storm drains. The soil in your yard will trap and filter the soap, and the soap won't harm your grass. Detergents that run unfiltered into streams can harm aquatic life. Better yet, go to commercial car washes, which use water efficiently and drain unused water to the sewage system for treatment.

Check out the Pennfield Township's website at [www.pennfieldtp.com](http://www.pennfieldtp.com) for additional information on the newly adopted Wellhead Protection Program, such as Ordinances, the Wellhead Protection Area Map and the required Performance Standards for commercial development. Over 2,200 parcels are located within the Wellhead Protection Area, including yours.

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**Jon Bartlett** - Trustee  
**Terry Ensign** - Trustee  
**Perry Beard** - Trustee  
**Linley Bordine-Houseman** - Trustee

## VEHICLE CARE

**Care for your vehicle properly.** It takes only one quart of oil to contaminate a million gallons of water. Check your vehicles for leaks and repair them. Clean up spilled fluids with an absorbent material like kitty litter or same, and don't rinse the spills into a nearby storm drain. After changing your oil and other automotive fluids, take them to a local merchant that accepts them for proper recycling and disposal. To find a place in Calhoun County, visit: [www.earth911.com](http://www.earth911.com)

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION