



Every. Drop. Counts.

Groundwater is hidden beneath our feet, but it plays a vital role in our everyday lives.

Groundwater Awareness Week, led by the National Ground Water Association, highlights the importance of protecting the water we depend on but rarely see.

Because what we can't see still needs our care.

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Join Us

Celebrate Groundwater Awareness Week by sharing resources, hosting events, and spreading the message:

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The Water Beneath Us

Groundwater is stored underground in natural rock formations called aquifers. It supplies:

- Drinking water for nearly half of Americans
- Water for farms and food production
- Water for businesses and industry
- Flow to streams, lakes, and wetlands

Why It Needs Our Care

Unlike surface water, groundwater contamination may go unnoticed for years. Once polluted, it can be difficult and costly to clean up. Common risks include:

- Chemical spills and improper disposal
- Failing septic systems
- Agricultural runoff
- Overuse of aquifers
- Abandoned or poorly maintained wells

Because groundwater is out of sight, it's easy to overlook — but its protection is essential.

Hidden — But Not Unlimited

Groundwater does not replenish instantly. Over-pumping can lower water levels, affect nearby wells, and reduce water available for ecosystems.

Sustainable use ensures clean water today and for generations to come.

Every action matters.

Protect Our Future.



How You Can Help

Caring for groundwater starts with simple actions:

- Test private well water annually
- Maintain septic systems regularly
- Properly seal unused wells
- Conserve water at home and work
- Dispose of chemicals responsibly
- Support local water protection programs

For Communities & Water Professionals

Groundwater Awareness Week is an opportunity to:

- Educate residents about where their water comes from
- Promote well maintenance and water testing
- Recognize groundwater professionals
- Encourage responsible water use
- Strengthen community resilience