



CITY OF FORT WAYNE

THOMAS C. HENRY, MAYOR

Fort Wayne City Utilities

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Dear Honeysuckle Water System Customer:

This letter serves as an annual reminder that your home in the Honeysuckle addition receives water from the Honeysuckle water system, operated by Fort Wayne City Utilities. City Utilities owns and operates two groundwater wells located at 16811 Twin Fawn Trail, Spencerville, Indiana. The wells provide drinking water for approximately 50 homes in the Honeysuckle subdivision. Each year in January, City Utilities provides the residents and property owners within a 3,000-foot radius of the well with certain information about your water source. While these are suggestions for voluntary activities, you are not required to take any action. You have been identified as an owner, leaseholder, or user of a property within the wellhead protection area. City Utilities will from time to time, send you information about actions you can take to help protect groundwater quality.

One of the potential sources of groundwater contamination is household hazardous waste. The key to reducing the potential for groundwater contamination from household chemicals is using as little as possible and properly disposing of unwanted amounts of these chemicals and their containers. Enclosed you will find an informational flyer about the use and proper disposal of household hazardous wastes. You can also protect groundwater quality by reporting any fuel or chemical spills or leaks. Please call 311 or (260) 427-8311 if you have any questions or need assistance with identification or management of any potential sources of groundwater contamination. If the leak or spill poses an imminent threat to public health or safety, please dial 911 immediately.

City Utilities is required to keep track of the kinds of business and land uses in the protection plan area so we know what chemicals are being used and where they may be used or stored. We ask you to notify us if you change the use of your Property or if you add or remove any potential sources of contamination that could affect ground water quality. This information will only be used in the event of a major fire, flood, earthquake, or other events that might cause these chemicals to spill and make their way into the groundwater.

Additionally, City Utilities regularly collects and tests water samples from homes and businesses throughout the area where we provide water. These “tap samples” are analyzed for a variety of substances including the presence of residual chlorine to kill bacteria in the water main system. If you are interested in participating as one of the locations where we collect water samples, please contact Michele Gerke, Water Quality Supervisor at the Three Rivers Water Filtration Plant, by calling (260)427-2568 or emailing her at Michele.Gerke@cityoffortwayne.org.

For more information, City Utilities has a webpage specifically for Honeysuckle customers and neighbors in the wellhead protection area. Please visit: <https://www.cityoffortwayne.org/city-utilities-facilities/3392-honeysuckle.html> or by searching the internet for “Fort Wayne Honeysuckle water system.” For all other inquiries call 311 or (260) 427-8311.

Sincerely,

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