## Important Reminder

## Dear Landowner,

The Town of Richmond, in conjunction with the Vermont Water Supply Division, enacted in 1996 a program to protect the drinking water supply source used by the Richmond water department's approximately 1,000 customers. Your property is located within the water supply source protection area.

Ground water is the town's drinking water supply source and is generally of high quality. However, it is vulnerable to contamination from a wide range of activities that take place on the ground's surface. Once the ground water is contaminated it is difficult and expensive to clean, possibly resulting in the abandonment of the well and the need for a second source.

The Water Commissioners for the Town of Richmond fully support the current program of protection, which includes an ordinance and public information mailings. These efforts are designed to reduce the risk of contamination. It is especially important that activities within this source protection area, primarily residential and agricultural uses, do not discharge contaminants that may threaten the ground water used for human consumption. See the attached map showing the shaded protection area.

We are asking you to do your best to minimize the release of contaminants in the source protection area that could threaten our ground water supply. This includes taking extra precaution with <a href="https://www.household.chemicals">household.chemicals</a> such as de-icing salts, heating fuels, lawn fertilizers, antifreeze and gasoline. When not being used, these items should be kept inside and in proper containers. Spills should be cleaned up immediately so that the risk of contaminating the ground water is minimized. Spills should be reported immediately to my office or the Water Department at 802-434-2178 so that we may assess the potential risk and advise you of any additional steps to protect the water quality.

Please dispose of used motor oils or other hazardous waste materials through the Chittenden Solid Waste District "Rover" program or at one of their regional collection points. More information on proper waste disposal methods are available through CSWD at 802-872-8111 or <a href="https://www.cswd.net">www.cswd.net</a>.

If you have any questions at all, wish to receive a copy of the current ordinance or want to discuss this letter, please call me at 802-434-5170 or via e-mail at jarneson@richmondvt.gov

Sincerely,

Josh Arneson Richmond Town Manager

