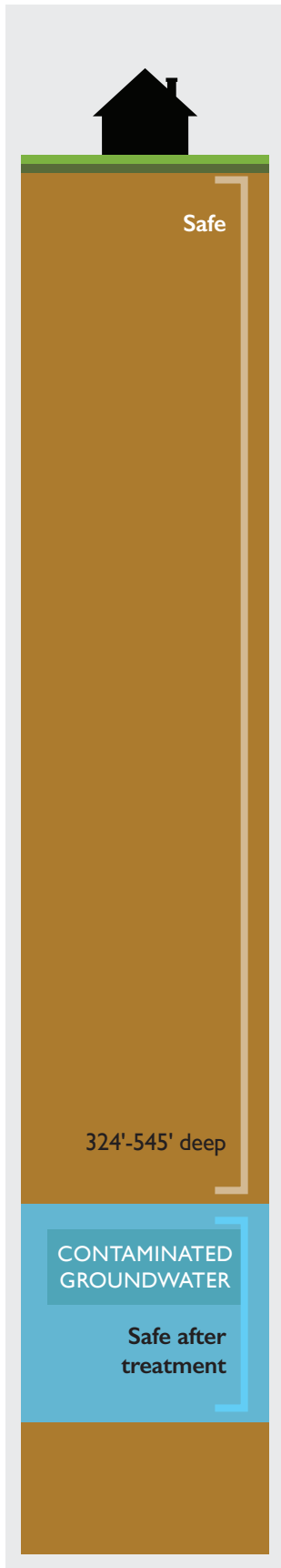
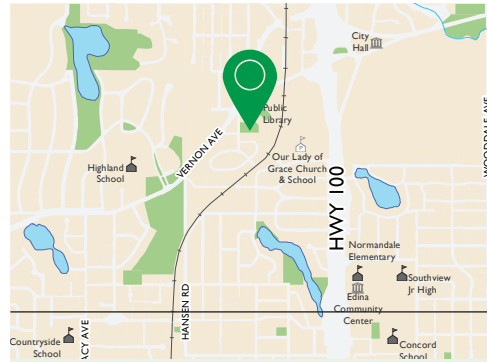


Edina's Drinking Water Is Certified Safe



The City of Edina is working to hold accountable those responsible for contamination of local groundwater. Drinking water is certified safe because it is treated, but the City wants the original polluters identified and held accountable for cleanup expenses.



1 Contamination found
In 2000, trace contamination of vinyl chloride was found in an Edina well at Sherwood Park.

2 Contamination traced to St. Louis Park
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) staff analyzed samples from wells located in the western Twin Cities metro area. The results showed a “volatile organic compound (VOC) trail” that allowed the MPCA to trace the contamination in Edina back 2.3 miles, to the Highway 7 and Wooddale Avenue area in St. Louis Park.



3 Water treatment filters out contamination
With a pricetag of about \$8 million, Water Treatment Plant 6 opened in 2012, treating water from four of Edina’s wells, including Well No. 7. The plant is equipped with an aeration system designed to filter out vinyl chloride. It costs about \$440,000 annually to operate.

4 Deep groundwater solvent plume area
MPCA has dubbed the 324- to 545-foot deep contaminated groundwater plume the “Highway 100 and County Road 3 Groundwater Plume.”

5 Search for contaminator
MPCA has narrowed the list of contaminators to five properties. (Businesses now at these properties may not be responsible if the contamination occurred when the properties were owned by someone else.)

