

Lac qui Parle Soil and Water Conservation District



122 8th Avenue S.
Madison MN 56256
320-598-7321 x 3
www.lacqui-parleswcd.org

CONSERVATION COMMENTS

DATE: March 4, 2011

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

National Groundwater Awareness Week March 6-12

Now well into its second decade, Ground Water Awareness Week spotlights one of the world's most important resources — groundwater. Who should be “aware” of groundwater? Quite simply, everyone.

Nearly 97 percent of the world's water is salty or otherwise undrinkable. Another two percent is locked in ice caps and glaciers. That leaves just one percent for all of humanity's needs—all its agricultural, residential, manufacturing, community, and personal needs. Of that one percent of water for all humanity's needs, more than 9 out of 10 gallons of it is ground water!

What can you do to safeguard the groundwater we use here in Lac qui Parle County? Your investment in proper well testing and maintenance is more than worth the cost! After all, your water well system is a direct link to an underground water reserve and the responsibility is yours to protect this valuable natural resource, as well as safeguarding your family's health.

Ground water is essential to the health and well being of humanity and the environment. Whether you're on a public water system or a private well, whether you are a health care official, policymaker, regulator, or someone interested in water resources or the environment in general—groundwater awareness is important to you.