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Source Water Protection Toolkit Outreach Guide

What is NEIWPCC?

NEIWPCC is a regional commission that helps the states of the Northeast preserve and advance water quality. NEIWPCC engages and convenes water quality professionals and other interested parties from New England and New York to collaborate on water, wastewater, and environmental science challenges across shared regions, ecosystems, and areas of expertise.

What is the Source Water Protection Toolkit?

The Source Water Protection (SWP) Toolkit is a document designed to provide information and resources on how municipal officials can better protect sources of drinking water. The toolkit focuses on informing the reader, presenting strategies for action, fostering collaboration, and using case studies to expand on issues around source water protection. NEIWPCC plans to continually update the toolkit to ensure it remains a relevant and effective resource for those who need it.

Who is the Toolkit for?

The toolkit is designed with **municipal officials** as the primary audience. Other municipal water professionals, local and regional planning boards, and community volunteers interested in protecting local drinking water supplies may also find the toolkit valuable. The toolkit is not intended to act as a technical guide, but as a resource to encourage communication and collaboration, and ensure that everyone has the information they need to better protect drinking water sources in our communities.

What does the Toolkit focus on?

The toolkit focuses on several key topics including land use, fuel storage, hazardous materials/contaminants of emerging concern, septic systems, stormwater, climate change, and pervasive threats. Additionally, the Toolkit includes comprehensive sections on federal and state-specific resources and financing avenues.

Where can I find the Toolkit?

The toolkit is available to download for free on the NEIWPCC website at: NEIWPCC.org/our-programs/gwswp/source-water-protection-municipalities

You can also find it by searching: NEIWPCC toolkit.

Finally, you can access the toolkit using the QR Code to the right. ■



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