

# HOW CAN I HELP?

**Pollution can move through a watershed to the location of the DeHart Reservoir or Susquehanna River drinking water intakes. Everyone has a role in protecting source water and preventing pollution in rivers, streams and reservoirs.**

**Don't litter.** Anything that falls in the watershed could end up in our drinking water.

**Pick up trash.**  
Report trash to 888-510-0606.

**Report vehicle spills** by calling 911.

**Maintain your septic system.** If you live in a rural area, regularly schedule pumping of your septic tank.

Help us and our downstream neighbors by doing what you can to prevent pollution.

We all need to be stewards of our water system, protect our drinking water and **CONSIDER THE SOURCE.**

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**CONSIDER THE SOURCE**  
*from raindrop to tap*

The place where your drinking water comes from is called its **source**. Capital Region Water's primary source water supply is the DeHart Reservoir. The Susquehanna River is a backup source. The area of land draining to the source is called a **watershed**. It's important to work as a community to protect these sources and the land around them. *Let's take a look at the journey of your drinking water...*

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**THE RAINDROP:** Harrisburg's drinking water starts in the clouds. When evaporated water condenses it precipitates back to the ground as rain or snow.



**THE DEHART RESERVOIR:** This falling precipitation collects in a 22-square-mile watershed in Clarks Valley 25 miles northeast of Harrisburg and flows to the DeHart Reservoir and Dam. The five-mile-long reservoir collects your drinking water.



**TRANSMISSION:** Water from the DeHart Reservoir travels through a 40-inch diameter pipe under creeks, behind homes, and next to roads before it reaches Capital Region Water's facilities.



**TREATMENT:** The Dr. Robert E. Young Water Services Center was built in 1992 to filter our source water. The plant is capable of providing treatment of up to 20 million gallons of water a day, and is monitored 24/7.



**STORAGE AND DISTRIBUTION:** After the water is treated and tested, it's pumped through the distribution system to Reservoir Park. Reservoir Park is home to our 40-million-gallon reservoirs—enough to meet the demands of our customers for two days.



**THE TAP:** From here, your water travels through more than 230 miles of underground water mains to provide water when you need it. These mains connect to our reservoirs, hydrants, valves, and 20,000 properties in the service area.

The water that comes out of your tap is safe, reliable and delicious. **We need your help to ensure that doesn't change.**