



Why is fertilizer a concern?

- Fertilizer is often over-applied
- Excess fertilizer is damaging to the environment
- Rain and watering of crops can wash fertilizer into surface water or carry it down into the ground water. This water is used for drinking!
- Fertilizer contains a form of nitrogen called nitrate, which is very harmful when consumed in high amounts
- Nitrate can move easily through soil and into drinking water sources
- Nitrate can also come from livestock operations, septic systems, and various industries like food processing

Contact your local public works department for more information, or visit www.idahoruralwater.com to learn how to protect your drinking water!