### Sanitize your Well this Spring!

If you have not sanitized your well lately, you need to ask yourself some questions . . .

- Has my family built up a tolerance to the possible bacteria in the well, and does it cause them to be sick?
- Am I causing my family members to be sick, especially those who may already be sick from other things?
- Will my neighbors' children be safe when they come to play on our property and drink?

Call the Health Department's Environmental Health Division for assistance in determining a regular maintenance schedule:

419-774-4520



# Why is it important to maintain your well and your septic system?

When Jack and Jill went up the hill to fetch a pail of (well) water . . . did they know it was **safe to drink** when they came down the hill?

What about your children?



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#### OHIO Rural and Suburban HOMEOWNERS:

## DID YOU KNOW... Ohio's home septic systems send almost ONE MILLION GALLONS of raw sewage into our streams DAILY?



- HOW do I know whether my system is working properly or is part of the problem?
- WHY should I spend my money and time on maintenance?
- Who can help me? . . . and WHERE do I begin?

The Mansfield/Ontario/Richland County Health Department is your best resource. Our staff can help help answer these questions and create a maintenance plan for you.

#### TOP 5 reasons you should call your local health department today!

- 1 Keep disease and illness from entering the environment in places where people work and children play.
- **2** Stop pollution of drinking water and/or ditches, streams and river water.
- **3** Stop your sewage system from backing up into your house.
- **4** Make your septic system last longer.
- **5** A properly working Household Sanitary
  Treatment System will add to property
  value and increase the potential of selling your property. If your sewage system
  does not work, you may not be able to
  sell your property!