

Drinking Water Protection Road Signs

We all want clean, safe, and sustainable water for our future. Protecting our drinking water sources is the first step! The Drinking Water Protection Zone road signs initiative identifies roadways with the Raisin-South Nation Source Water Protection Zone where municipal drinking water sources are most vulnerable to contamination.

Who: The road signs inform emergency responders of the need to alert appropriate authorities in the event of an accidental spill, and promote public awareness on the importance of protecting local drinking water sources.

How: In the event of an accidental spill within a Drinking Water Protection Zone, residents can call emergency responders (9-1-1) or the Ontario Spills Action Centre can be reached at 1-800-268-6060.

Why: To increase public awareness, as well as educate landowners on vulnerable drinking water areas and possible threats to drinking water. Under *Ontario's Clean Water Act, 2006*, Source Protection Plans were created by local committees to protect public water sources.

Where: Nearly 100 signs were installed throughout the Raisin-South Nation Source Water Protection region in Eastern Ontario.

When: Raisin-South Nation Source Protection Plans took effect on April 1, 2015. Road signs were installed within the Jurisdictions in the Fall, 2016.

