

Know when groundwater is vulnerable to pollution

Read this with the guide on how to [protect groundwater and prevent groundwater pollution](#).

All groundwater is vulnerable to pollution. You must not cause it to become polluted.

Some formations are more vulnerable than others to pollution. Those with thin soils directly over permeable rocks (such as sandstone, chalk or limestone) and where the water table is a short distance below ground are most vulnerable. Groundwater is less vulnerable where thick clay overlies deep groundwater.

