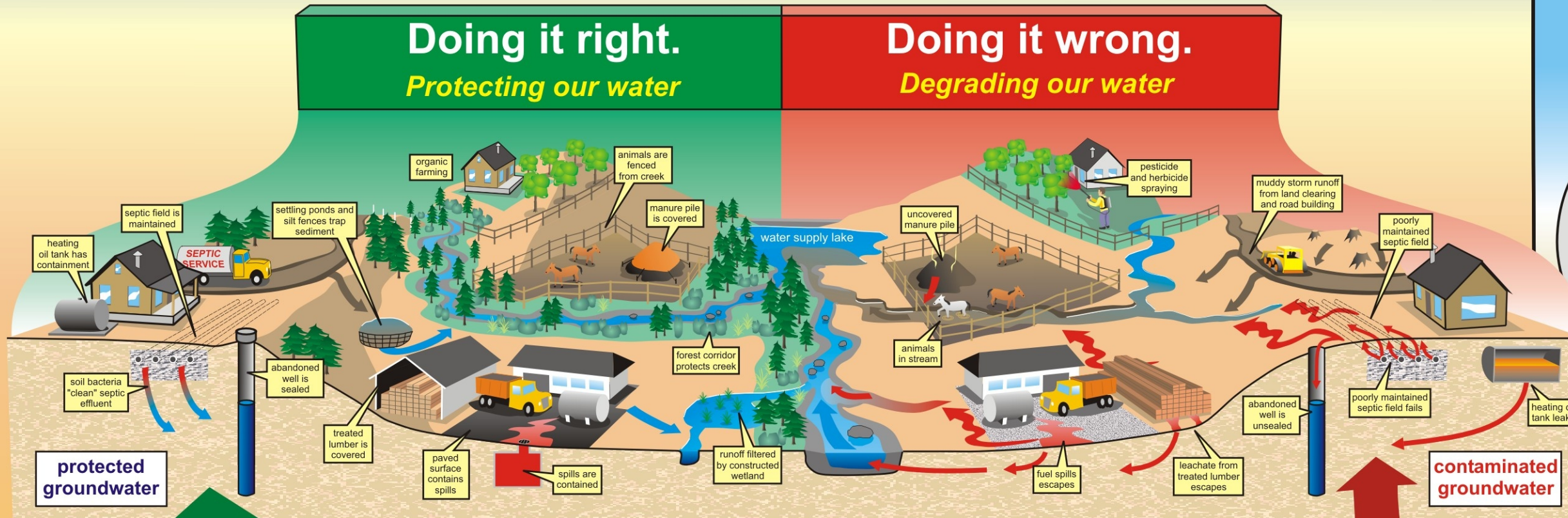


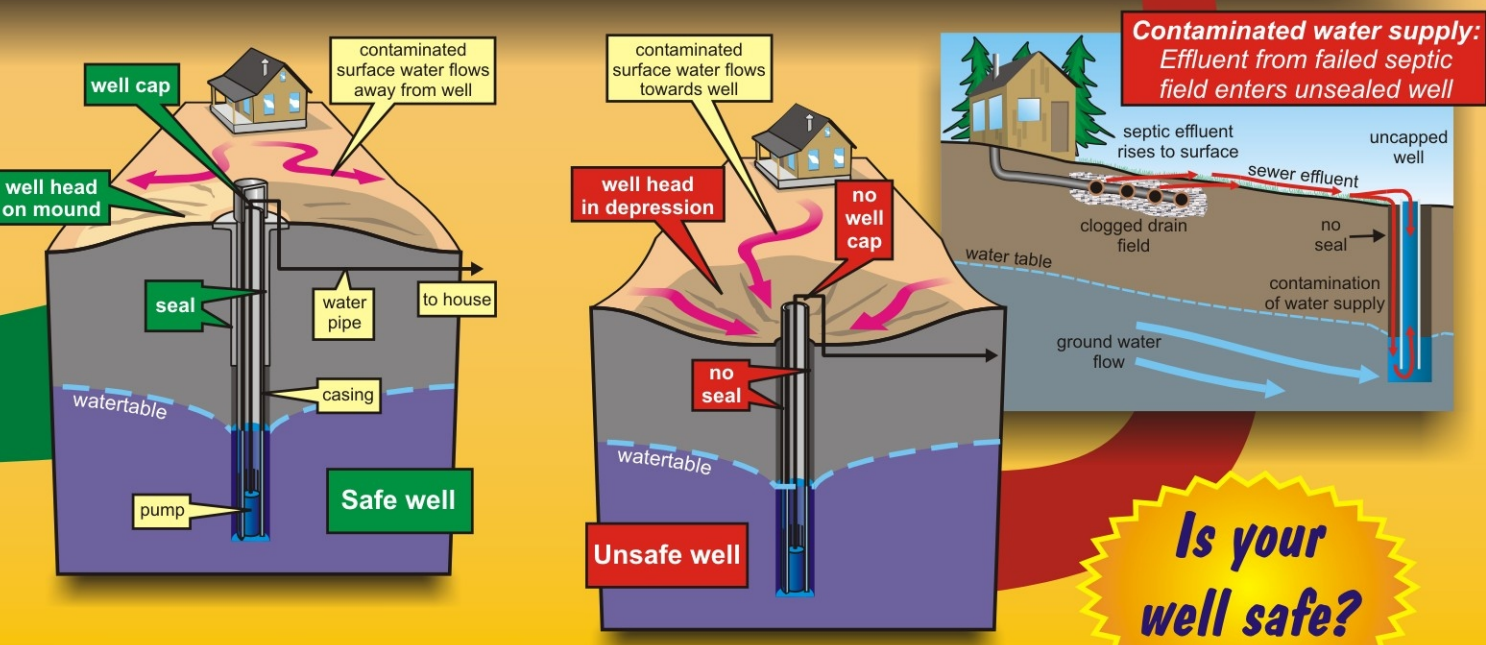
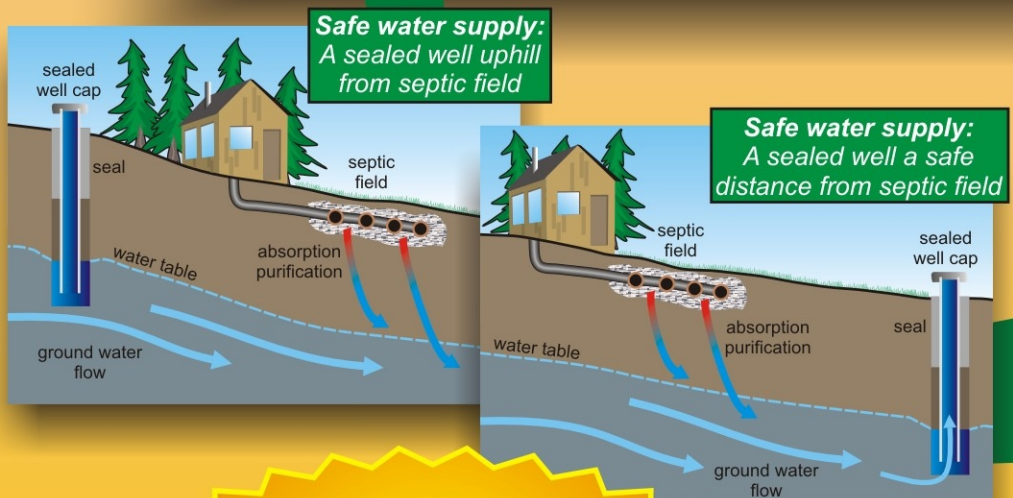
Protecting and conserving our island water

## Keeping water clean: it's just common sense



How do islanders protect the quality of water supplies?

There are many ways. And most protection is just common sense. For example, I check my septic tank annually to ensure it is functioning properly. Failed septic fields are a major source of drinking water contamination on the islands.



**Want to know more?**

This information is part of the *Gulf Islands Waterscape poster*, a Miscellaneous Report by the Geological Survey of Canada that will be available in late 2004. Draft content of the poster is available on the internet at: [www.bowenisland.info/waterscapes](http://www.bowenisland.info/waterscapes) and [www.geoscape.nrcan.gc.ca](http://www.geoscape.nrcan.gc.ca)

Other useful information on water and groundwater is available from: **Islands Trust** <http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/>

**British Columbia Ministry of Water Land Air Protection** <http://wlapwww.gov.bc.ca/wat/gws/gwis.html>

**British Columbia Groundwater Association** <http://www.bcgwa.org/education.htm>

**A good septic field is a maintained septic field. Make sure your septic field is inspected and pumped regularly.**

**Is your well safe?**