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**Tidewater Utilities, Inc. Recognizes National
Protect Your Groundwater Day**

DOVER, DE – (September 8, 2015) Today, September 8, 2015, has been designated as National Protect Your Groundwater Day. As one of Delaware’s largest water utilities, Tidewater Utilities, Inc. is encouraging Delawareans to help protect our most precious resource – groundwater. Groundwater is water that collects or flows beneath the earth’s surface and replenishes wells and springs. Nearly every person in Delaware drinks some form of groundwater on a daily basis, so we all have a reason to preserve its quality.

Like Tidewater, many public water systems draw all or part of their supply from groundwater, so protecting the resource protects the public water supply and impacts treatment costs according to the National Groundwater Association. Additionally, if you own a well to provide water for your family, farm, or business, groundwater protection is doubly important. As a well owner, you are the manager of your own water system. Protecting groundwater will help reduce risks to your water supply.

Americans are the largest water users, per capita, in the world. By helping to protect our groundwater, you can ensure we all have clean drinking water now and well into the future. Tidewater Utilities, Inc. is encouraging its customers to be aware that some human activities may contribute to groundwater contamination. These examples are:

- Improper storage or disposal of hazardous substances
- Improper use of fertilizers, animal manures, herbicides, insecticides, and pesticides
- Chemical spills
- Improperly built and/or maintained septic systems
- Improperly abandoned wells (these include water wells, groundwater monitoring wells, and wells used in cleaning contaminated groundwater)

To learn more about groundwater and what you can do to protect it, visit the [National Groundwater Association](#)

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