

HHMs AND IOWA'S WATER

- **78.8** percent of Iowans get their drinking water from groundwater sources; only **six** states rely more on groundwater for a drinking source.
- Nationwide, **41.9** percent of the population gets its drinking water from ground water.
- If improperly used and disposed of, HHMs often end up in drinking water.
- Contaminated water leads to water purity problems, often resulting in costly water treatment.
- HHMs dumped in storm sewers can quickly contaminate surface water.
- Surface water is also used as drinking water and is critical for fish and aquatic wildlife and recreation.
- Wells are also susceptible to contamination from improper use or disposal of HHMs.