

# Kewaunee County Public Health & Groundwater Ordinance Fact Sheet

- The Public Health & Groundwater Ordinance Regulates Land Use and Management of “**All Wastes**” on Landscapes Containing Areas with **Twenty (20) Feet or Less** of Soil Depth to Carbonate Bedrock between **January 1<sup>st</sup> and April 15<sup>th</sup>**
- Protects the Health and General Welfare of the Public by Protecting and Preventing the Contamination of Groundwater Quality
- Applies to all Townships within Kewaunee County that Adopt this Ordinance by Local Referendum in April 2015

If Passed by Township Referendum; the Following Will Take Effect for  
**ALL WASTES** -- JANUARY 1, 2016

## **Mechanically Applied Wastes:**

1. **Shall Not** be applied to land, or allowed to directly drain to, landscapes likely having twenty (20) feet or less in soil depth to carbonate bedrock during the time period of **January 1st through April 15th**

**UNLESS** ... An exemption is issued, in writing, by the Land & Water Conservation Committee

## **Temporarily Stockpiling or Stacking of Wastes:**

1. **Shall Not** be stockpiled or stacked on landscapes likely having twenty (20) feet or less in soil depth to carbonate bedrock during the time period of **January 1st through April 15th**

**UNLESS** ... An exemption is issued, in writing, by the Land & Water Conservation Committee.

**Exemptions for the temporary stacking** of any wastes covered through this ordinance will be issued based on the waste consistency; stack size and stacking period; permeability of the soil; vertical separation from bedrock and groundwater; and horizontal separation distance from karst features, wells, surface waters and areas of concentrated flow. All these criteria are specified in USDA NRCS standard 313, Table 10, and included in the ordinance. In most cases, exemptions will be issued for temporary stacking of wastes on areas having at least 3 to 5 feet of soil depth to bedrock, depending on meeting other criteria found in Table 10 found in the ordinance.

## **The Land & Water Conservation Department will:**

1. Provide Maps to Impacted Landowners
2. Provide Assistance in Finding areas of Spreadable Land and/or Stacking Locations
3. Seek Funding Assistance

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