

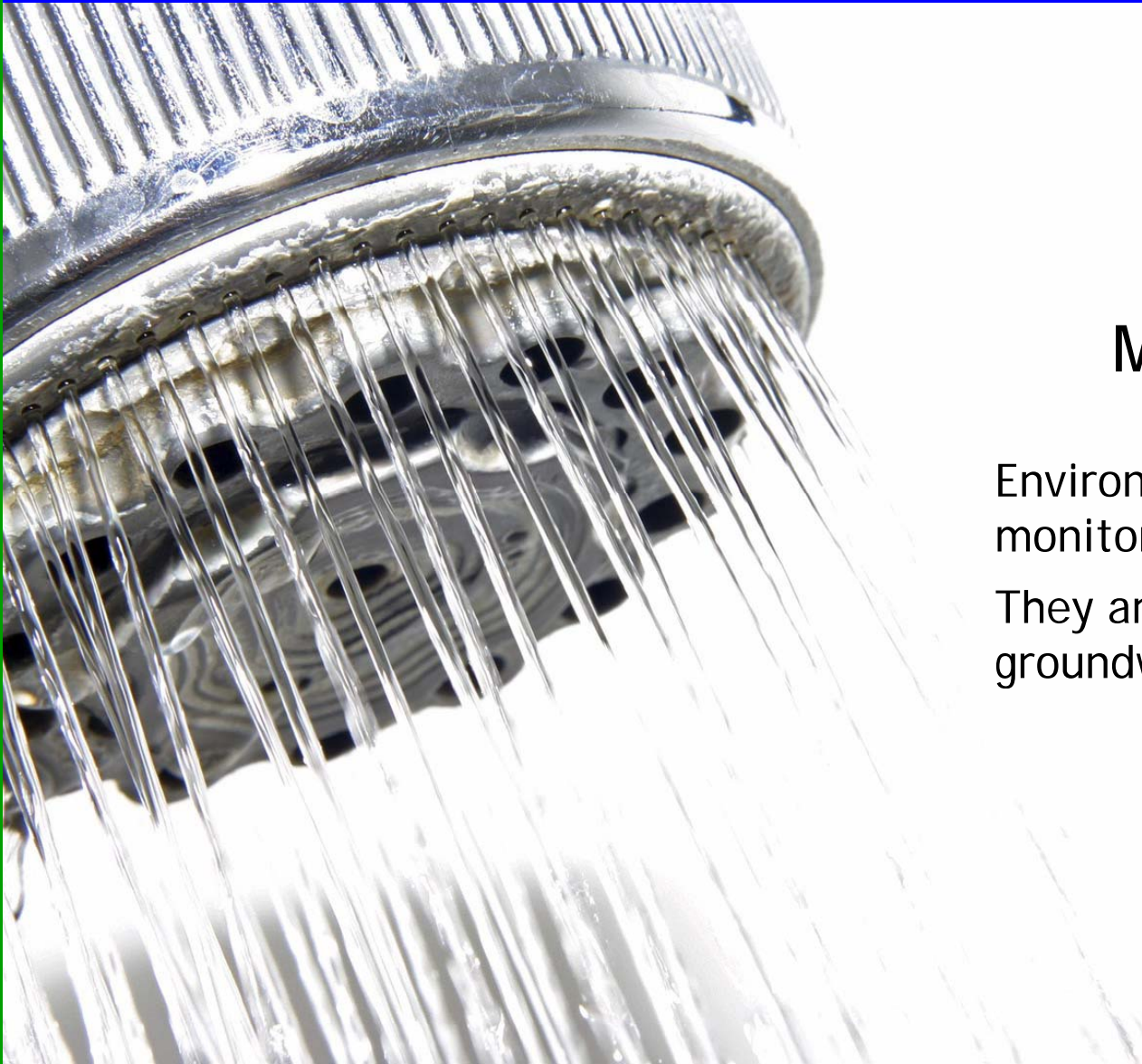
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND YOU

Every day, Environmental Health Specialists are at work to protect your health and the health of your community.



Here's what they do on a typical day—

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Morning shower

Environmental Health Specialists monitor *water quality*.

They are also involved in groundwater protection programs.



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Family breakfast

Your eggs came from a grocery store inspected by an Environmental Health Specialist for safe food handling practices.

Specialists also work with farmers and food processors to maximize food safety.



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Garbage pick-up

The journey your garbage takes from your home to its final destination is monitored by Environmental Health Specialists.

Hazardous waste is also tracked, from generation to disposal.



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Off to school

Environmental Health Specialists consult with and inspect public and private schools, day care centers, correctional facilities, and other institutions to ensure that healthy and safe conditions are maintained.



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Call at the office

It's your home inspector—the older home you want to buy has asbestos tiles and lead paint. He suggests calling the health department.

At the health department you talk to an Environmental Health Specialist—she provides information and advice about the hazards of asbestos and lead, and recommends testing the house for radon as well.



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Lunch with friends

Environmental Health Specialists inspect restaurants and other food services to ensure *safe food preparation and service*. They also review construction plans to prevent safety and sanitation problems.

If foodborne illness does strike, Specialists investigate and intervene to prevent illness from spreading.



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Vacation reservations

You get an email confirming your resort cabin for this summer's vacation. Resorts, hotels, and motels are inspected for health and safety risks by Environmental Health Specialists.

They also made sure the *septic system* was properly located and installed to prevent contamination of the pristine lake that draws you and your family to northern Minnesota.



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Swimming lessons

Public swimming pools and spas are inspected regularly by Environmental Health Specialists for health and safety issues.



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Fun at the fair

After visiting the petting zoo, a sign posted by an Environmental Health Specialist reminds you to wash your hands to prevent illness.

Then it's time for mini-donuts and cheese curds. Like restaurants, these food stands are licensed and inspected by Environmental Health Specialists.



ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND YOU...10:00 p.m.



Late night news

The top news story is about a meth lab that was shut down by law enforcement.

Environmental Health Specialists coordinate the cleanup of meth lab sites to protect the health of future residents.

