

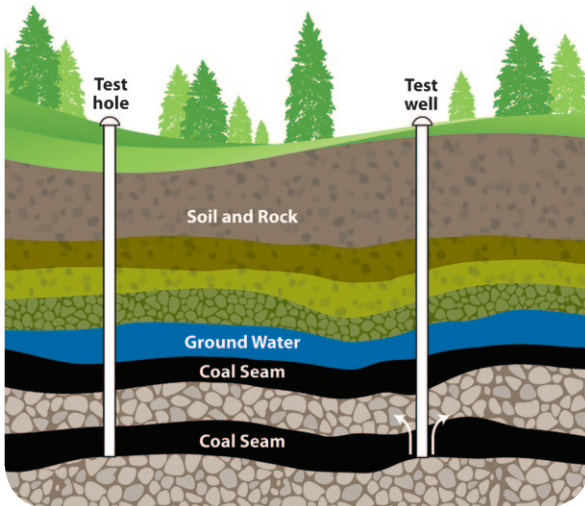
# Ground Water Protection

One of the world's most important natural resources

Ground water is the water that is found beneath the earth's surface in the spaces or pores within soil and rock. Most ground water comes from precipitation, which gradually percolates into the earth.

It provides drinking water and supports the recreation, agriculture, and fishing industries.

Ground water is the only source of drinking water for the many Comox Valley residents who rely on wells.



## Protecting ground water

Protecting ground water is critical to maintaining a healthy population and a healthy environment.

The Raven Underground Coal Project is committed to a thorough assessment of the project's potential effects on ground water in order to minimize and eliminate those effects.

Engineers and environmental consultants are currently conducting assessments to better understand existing ground water conditions.

Test drilling currently underway will help determine if mining activity will impact ground water flow in the project area. The project team will use this information to put together a water management plan that ensures ground water is protected.

## For more information on ground water

<http://www.britannica.com/EBchecked/topic/247019/ground-water>

<http://www.eoearth.org/article/Ground-water>

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