Five things you can do to help protect our waterways

Stormwater receives minimal treatment before entering our creeks and rivers. Our actions at home can make a difference to the quality of water in your community's storm ponds, and the quality of water in our environment.

- Point downspouts toward lawns and gardens or use a rain barrel.

- Limit the use of fertilizers and pesticides.

- Sweep up debris from your garage and driveway rather than using a hose to wash it.

- Wash your vehicle at a car wash instead of in your driveway.

- Pick up after your pet at home and elsewhere.

Useful links:

Calgary has three landfills for the proper disposal of waste:

East Calgary Landfill
3801 - 68 Street SE

Shepard Landfill
12111 - 68 Street SE

Spyhill Landfill
11808 - 69 Street NW

To learn about the proper recycling or disposal of an item visit **calgary.ca/whatgoeswhere.**

For a list of outdoor skating rinks in Calgary visit **calgary.ca/CSPS/Parks/Pages/Locations/Outdoor-skating-rinks.aspx.** For all other City of Calgary recreation programs visit **calgary.ca/recreation.**
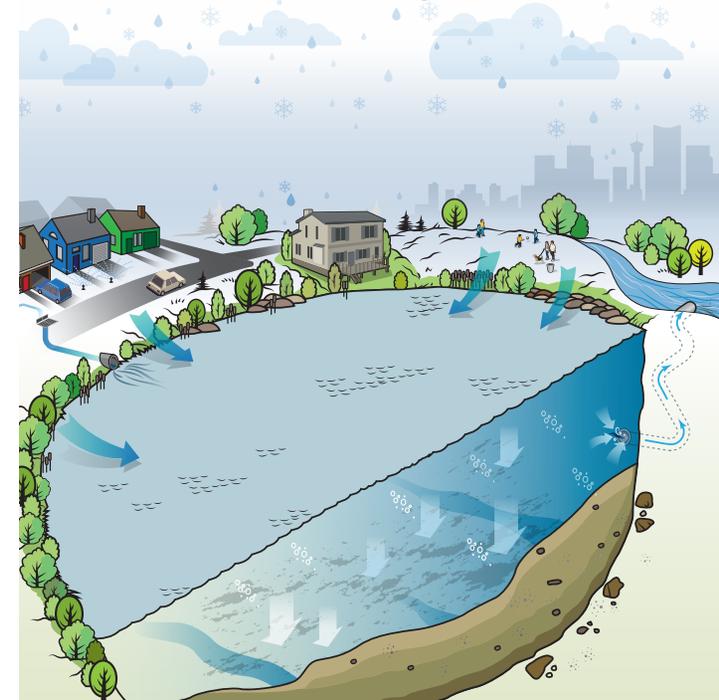
For information on fishing in and around Calgary visit **www.albertafishingguide.com.** Visit Glenmore Reservoir for all your non-motorized boating needs (canoeing and sailing etc.). Visit **calgary.ca** to learn more.

Calgary's storm ponds are managed by The City of Calgary and subject to maintenance to control weeds, algae and sediment build up.

Contact 311 for any issues and concerns and visit **calgary.ca** to learn more about how The City manages storm ponds.

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What is a storm pond?

Storm ponds protect our rivers by helping remove sediment, fertilizer, pesticides and other pollutants, as well as protecting our communities from flooding.
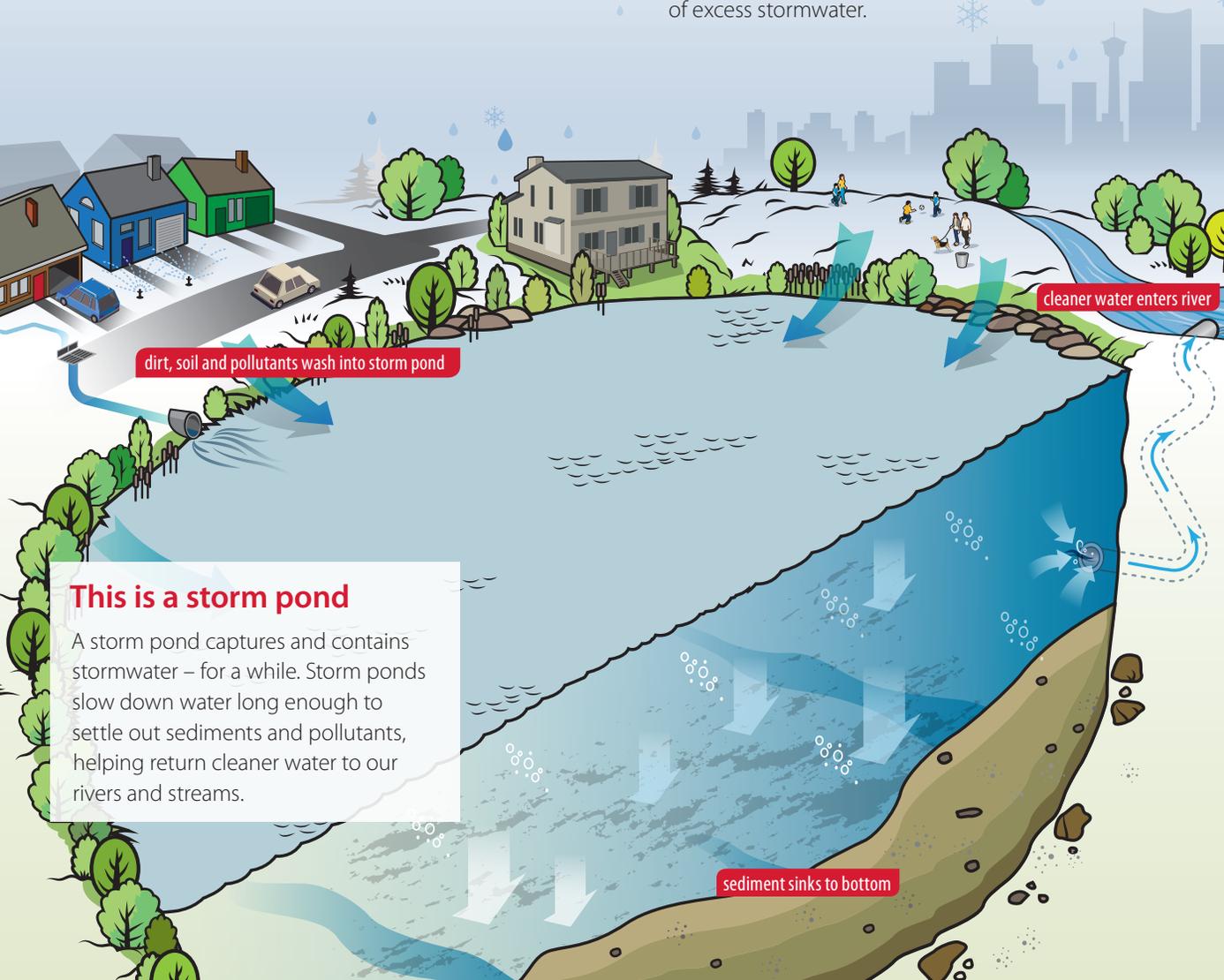
It starts with stormwater

When it rains and when snow melts, water flows from our rooftops, driveways, lawns, streets and sidewalks. This stormwater washes from your home and through our communities into storm drains, collecting dirt, gravel and pollutants along the way.

It's headed to our rivers

Stormwater empties into storm drains along city streets where large underground pipes carry it away to storm ponds. Without the treatment a storm pond provides, this water would head untreated to our rivers.

Storm ponds protect our waterways

In your community, underground pipes direct stormwater to storm ponds. Think of a storm pond as a natural water treatment facility that also protects communities from flooding by controlling the release of excess stormwater.

dirt, soil and pollutants wash into storm pond

cleaner water enters river

This is a storm pond

A storm pond captures and contains stormwater – for a while. Storm ponds slow down water long enough to settle out sediments and pollutants, helping return cleaner water to our rivers and streams.

sediment sinks to bottom

Do not enter

No swimming

No fish

No fishing

No boating

No pets in water

No skating

No trash/dumping

All work and no play

Storm ponds have an important job to do. They protect the community from flooding and clean stormwater. Because of rapidly changing water levels and poor water quality, storm ponds are not for recreational purposes.

Stay out of the water.
Water contact (swimming, wading, boating) of any type is dangerous and strictly prohibited.

Keep your pets away from the water.
Keep your animals away from storm ponds for their health and safety.

Stay off the ice in winter.
The run-off of road salts into the pond makes the ice thinner and weaker. Water levels and flows change rapidly making skating or other activities extremely dangerous.

Do not stock or go fishing in a storm pond.
It is illegal to stock or dump fish in a storm pond. To learn more about invasive species, the harm they cause and related fines visit **aep.alberta.ca/fish-wildlife/invasive-species.**

Do not dump garbage in a storm pond.
Place garbage and pet waste in bins provided or take it to landfills.