



Only rain in the storm drain

## **What are you putting in the storm drain?**

The storm water collection system removes water from streets and parking lots to prevent flooding. This water is NOT treated at the Wastewater Treatment Plant and goes directly back into the Red Deer River.

As rainfall runoff flows across surfaces, it picks up pollutants and carries them into storm drains (also known as catch basins). Hazardous substances spilled, dumped or left on the ground are washed into the storm water collection system and into the Red Deer River. These materials harm the environment and pollute our drinking water source.

# What I can do?

## Help prevent storm water pollution by:

- Prevent leaves, grass clippings and litter from washing into storm drains through catch basins
- If you use pesticides and fertilizers, choose organic products, apply them sparingly and don't over water your lawn. Water running off your property carries excess fertilizers and pesticides to the Red Deer River
- Clean up after pets
- Wash your car at the car wash
- Ensure your car does not leak oil or other fluids
- Clean up spilled substances right away
- Never wash or dump anything into a storm drain
- Report hazardous spills and illegal dumping to The City of Red Deer Environmental Services department

## Report spills:

Any substance entering the storm water collection system that may damage the environment or could be hazardous to human health must be reported. This includes:

- Spills of hazardous materials, diesel fuel, chemicals and paint
- Illegal dumping of cleaning chemicals, swimming pool water, tile grout or concrete wash water
- Fats, oils or grease
- Solids such as scraps of lumber, sawdust, ash, sand or garbage

**Dumping or allowing anything besides rainfall runoff to enter the storm water collection system is illegal.**

To report hazardous spills or illegal dumping into Red Deer's storm water collection system call

The City of Red Deer  
Environmental Services  
403-342-8750