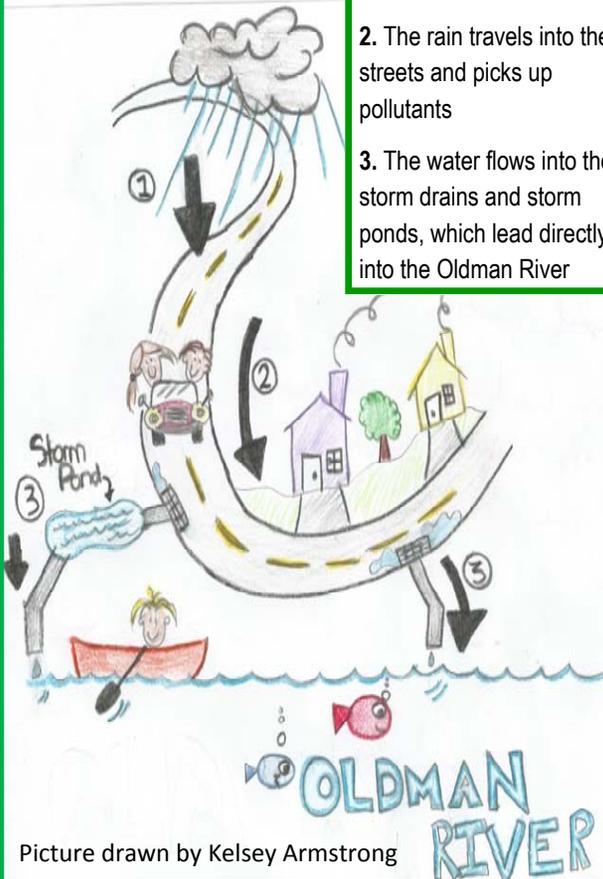


What is a Watershed?

“A watershed is all the areas of land that water flows over or through on it’s way to a primary river or lake or even an ocean.”

Just like in the mountains where rain and snow travel down and feed into the creeks and rivers, the water in urban areas flows through the storm drains and into the river. Whether it’s rainwater flowing through your downspouts or excess water from your garden hose, this water flows into the streets picking up debris and chemicals along the way. What many people are unaware of is that this water flows into the storm drains then directly enters into our neighbourhood storm ponds and Oldman River untreated.

1. It rains or snows!
2. The rain travels into the streets and picks up pollutants
3. The water flows into the storm drains and storm ponds, which lead directly into the Oldman River



Picture drawn by Kelsey Armstrong

Where to Pick Up Kits?

FREE

Storm Drain Survival Kits will be available at many events throughout the year!

Adopt A StormDrain Program

Invasive Weed Pulls • Environment Week Events

Helen Schuler Nature Centre • Home and Garden Show

Yellow Fish Road Program • Prairie Urban Garden Tour

Other Events Throughout the Year!



Contact

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For more information go to:

Lethbridge.ca/StormDrainSurvivalKit.ca

Storm Drain Survival Kits Sponsored by:

Caring For Our Watersheds (Southern Alberta)
Community Foundation Lethbridge Youth In Action
Oldman Watershed Council
City of Lethbridge

Removing debris from storm drains and gutters

Stand on the sidewalk and use a rake or shovel to remove debris from the storm drain. Do not attempt to remove the grate. Notify the City of Lethbridge, Public Operations if you cannot clear out the storm drain yourself.

403 320-3850

Discard the debris properly! Bag it and dispose of it in your waste collection cart.

Storm Drain Survival Kit

HUGE POSITIVE STEP
Cleaning Out Your Storm Drain is a
TOWARDS HELPING THE ENVIRONMENT

Thanks to Lethbridge Grade 9 student
Kelsey Armstrong

We have the opportunity to promote the
Storm Drain Survival Kit
Second Place Winner of the Caring for our
Watershed Competition 2014

Why am I giving you this survival kit?

The purpose of my survival kit is to get people to clean out the gutters and storm drains near their home. I also hope people become aware of their bad habits in their yards. Over watering, using too many lawn chemicals and washing your vehicle in the driveway all have negative effects on our Oldman River. All the tools that you need will be found in the

Storm Drain Survival Kit.

LEAD BY EXAMPLE

Cleaning up the debris from your storm drains and gutters in your neighbourhood is one

HUGE POSITIVE STEP

towards helping our Oldman River and environment to stay clean and healthy. When neighbours, friends or family see you cleaning your storm drains and gutters, this action will encourage them to do the same. You're helping the river stay clean from harmful chemicals and debris that negatively affect the water quality which we **ALL** (humans, plants, fish and wildlife) depend on to survive.

Inside the survival kit.....

- ♥ 1 pair of gloves– Used to pick up debris
- ♥ 2 garbage bags– To put debris in and throw out
- ♥ Information Pamphlet
- ♥ Adopt A StormDrain information
- ♥ '50 best plants' book– Ideas for prairie urban gardens
- ♥ Doggy bags– Keep dog feces out of our storm drains
- ♥ Small hand shovel
- ♥ Storm Water Postcard-Things NOT to do in your yard
- ♥ Reusable tote bag

Supporting Programs

Gutter Buddy Program

The Gutter Buddy program is a program that encourages people to clean out their storm drains. Help us to help you! Monitoring storm drains and keeping them free of debris will keep our storm ponds and Oldman River healthy and beautiful.



Check out the

'Become a Gutter Buddy'

video on YouTube.

Yellow Fish Road Program



The Yellow Fish Road Program is a free painting activity that you can do with family and friends. You start off by painting yellow fish beside storm drains to remind people that storm water goes directly into our river untreated. The goal is to prevent storm water pollutants from entering our local water bodies. Fun, interactive and engaging presentations empower our youth to take action and become water stewards.



For more information on any of these programs visit [www.lethbridge.ca /Water](http://www.lethbridge.ca/Water) OR <http://oldmanbasin.org/>

Adopt A StormDrain

"NEW"

Adopt A Stormdrain in your neighbourhood and keep our Oldman River and neighbourhoods free of debris, healthy and clean.

[Find out how you can get involved in the Adopt A StormDrain program.](http://www.lethbridge.ca/adoptastormdrain)

www.lethbridge.ca/adoptastormdrain

OWC-Prairie Urban Garden (PUG)



'Prairie Urban garden is an initiative of the Oldman Watershed Council's Urban Team'

PUG is a program that shows the beauty and well-being of a xeriscaped garden. Xeriscaped yards use native and drought-tolerant plants.

These plants grow the dry climates, which means they require less water, pesticides and fertilizers. This type of garden lets you enjoy the beauty of a landscaped yard and also conserves more water and energy than an average garden.