

OUR WATER

WHERE DOES OUR DRINKING WATER COME FROM?



WHY IS MY NEIGHBORHOOD UNIQUE?

The Keswick Neighbourhood is located approximately 5 km upstream of the E.L. Smith Water Treatment Facility. This means anything that is released into the storm drains in your neighborhood could potentially end up in your drinkingwater!

It is **IMPORTANT** to be aware of what you release into storm drains.

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MORE INFORMATION

The yellowfish road program is a stormwater pollution prevention program that is geared toward educating the public. Anything entering the storm drain flows to the local water body untreated.



You will notice yellow fish stenciled next to storm drains. The fish are there to remind you that only rainwater should be entering the storm drains. Please see the attached Yellow Fish brochure for more information.

Edmonton's water supply comes from the North Saskatchewan River and is filtered by the E.L Smith Water Treatment Facility.



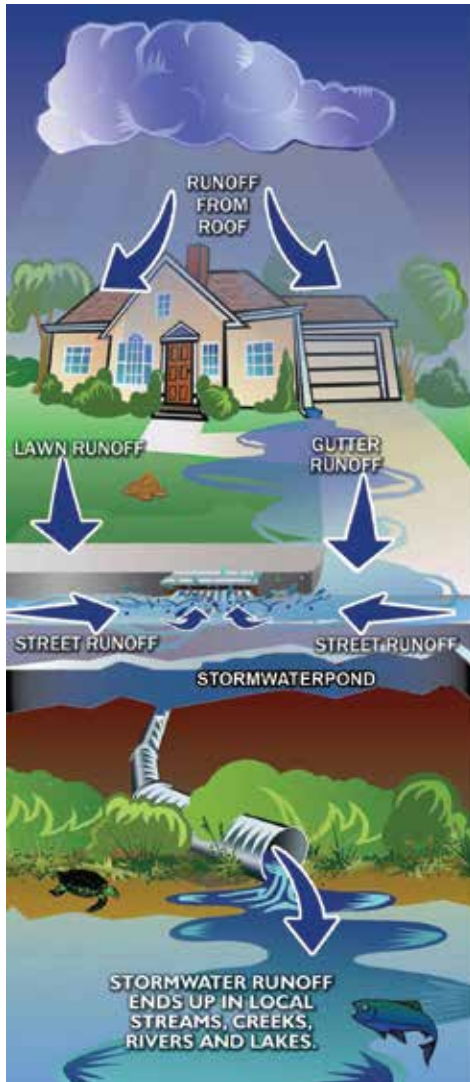
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WHY SHOULD I CARE?

Water leaving your home is released into a storm drain, which is directed to storm water management facilities (ponds within the neighbourhood) and then released into the North Saskatchewan River without being further treated.



Things we use every day could be harmful to our drinking water. Dirt, fertilizer, soap, salt, oil, animal droppings, pesticides, herbicides, etc. could negatively affect your water quality and can be harmful to fish and other wildlife living in and near the river.

HOW YOU CAN HELP!

- Use environmentally friendly or chemical free products or materials
- Use natural alternatives, such as lemon juice, vinegar, and baking powder
- Properly dispose of hazardous materials
- Use water-based, environmentally friendly paints
- Find a household hazardous waste drop off site that accepts used chemicals
- Start your own compost pile for fertilizer or mulch
- Discard insect infested plant material as an alternative to pesticide use
- Collect rain water from eaves troughs in rain barrels for lawn and plant watering
- Clean up after pets
- Use sand instead of salt on icy sidewalks and driveways



- Wash your vehicle at a car wash instead of the driveway
- Sweep up and dispose of dirt and debris prior to it entering the storm drain
- Instead of using man made fertilizers leave grass clippings on lawn (grass recycling)
- Manually pull weeds and cover bare areas with seed/mulch in place of herbicides
- Find a household hazardous waste drop off site that accepts used chemicals



THE NORTH SASKATCHEWAN RIVER VALLEY IS UNIQUE AND PART OF YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

The North Saskatchewan River Valley is the sixth largest urban park in the WORLD! The River Valley is composed of 11 lakes, 14 ravines, and 22 parks and is one of Edmonton's most prized main attractions.

Having accessibility to the River Valley in your backyard makes your neighbourhood unique. We can all do our part to help maintain water quality for the City and keep this area pristine for future generations to enjoy!

DID YOU KNOW?

There are 31 species of fish, three types of frogs/toads, large and small mammals, and numerous different water fowl that reside in or around the North Saskatchewan River.