



Fish Creek Storm Pond Cleaning

Summer 2025

What's happening?

This natural looking area is a storm pond. It helps manage flooding in nearby communities and cleans stormwater of sediment, fertilizer and other contaminants before the water returns to the river.

Over the years, sediment has accumulated in the pond, reducing its capacity. To restore its full storage and water-cleaning function, we will begin draining and removing sediment from the Fish Creek storm pond starting July 19, 2025. We anticipate the project will be completed in mid-September 2025 (weather dependent).

- Pond draining: Late July- early August
- Pond cleaning: August- early September
- Pond refilling (weather dependent): Fall 2025

Working with beavers

The Fish Creek storm pond is also a habitat that we share with beavers, and we're exploring ways to co-exist with them while completing this essential maintenance.

To minimize disruption, we won't be disturbing the beaver lodges. Instead, we'll lower the water level to encourage the beavers to temporarily relocate to a nearby suitable habitat while the pond is being cleaned.

Our goal is to complete the pond cleaning by mid-September, just in time for the beavers to return and begin preparing for winter.

We're working closely with the Friends of Fish Creek Park to monitor beaver activity. We'll be monitoring the activity of the beavers before, during and after the completion of the pond cleaning to help determine the success of this approach.

Safety

- For safety, all work areas will be temporary fenced along the perimeter and traffic control signage will be in place to ensure public safety.

Potential impacts to the public

- Some odours may be noticeable from the pond as organic material is exposed to the air. This is normal and the odour will dissipate quickly.
- Park visitors may hear generator noise. The work will comply with the Community Standards Bylaw with respect to noise limits.
- Restoration of the pond will be performed in early September, weather permitting. This may include replacement of the topsoil materials and seeding, and pathway repairs (if damaged).

Project information

For more information on storm ponds visit calgary.ca/stormponds. If you have questions or concerns regarding this project, please call 311.