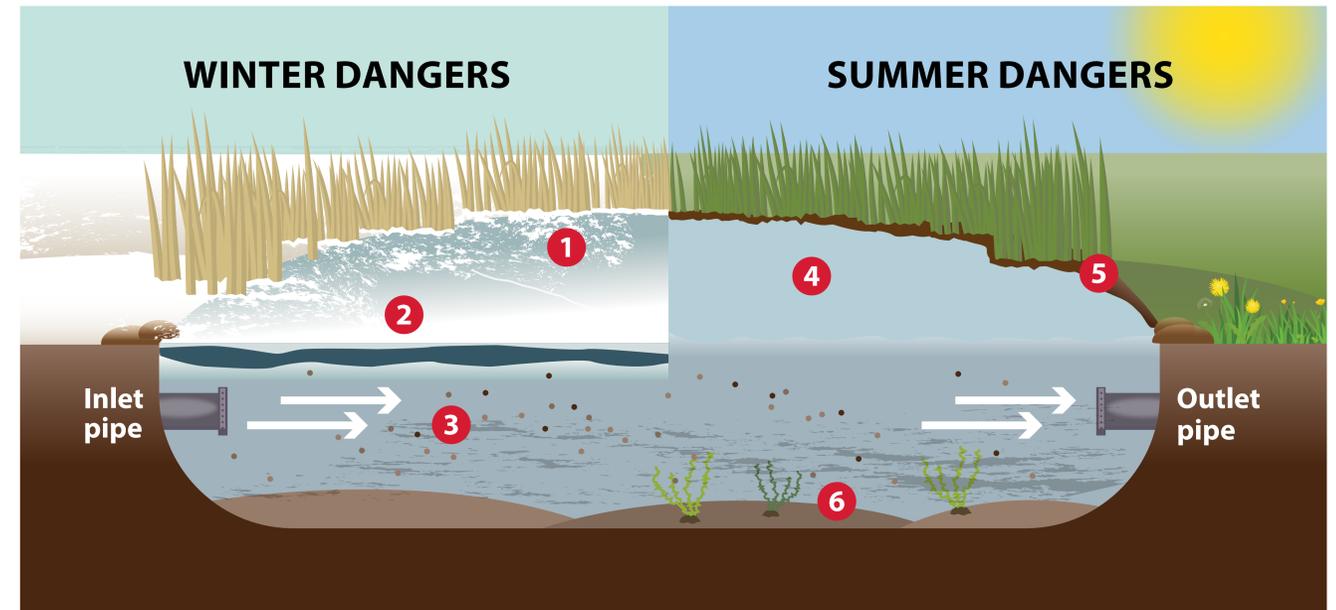


Storm ponds keep our rivers clean and protect your property

Storm ponds provide a temporary storage space for rainwater and snowmelt. During heavy storms, they slowly regulate the amount of water released to our rivers, creeks and streams to prevent flooding.

Help to limit pollutants from entering our stormwater system by:

- Pointing downspouts towards garden beds and lawns.
- Picking up after your pet.
- Cleaning up litter from your yard, streets and parks.
- Limiting the use of fertilizers and pesticides.
- Never releasing plants, fish or other animals into storm ponds.
- Checking for and repairing automotive leaks and spills.



- No walking on ice
- No skating
- No sledding
- Keep pets away from water and off the ice
- No swimming or wading
- No fishing
- No releasing fish
- No boating

Stay safe, stay off storm ponds

Here's why

- 1** In the winter, the water in storm ponds contain road salt and other contaminants that eat away at the ice. Ice on these ponds can be unstable even if it looks solid.
- 2** The ice thickness on a storm pond varies with temperature changes and is always unpredictable.
- 3** Beneath the ice surface, water is constantly flowing. This water movement weakens the ice and makes it unstable.
- 4** Water in storm ponds can contain pollutants. The water isn't safe for contact by people or pets. It's not safe to eat fish from storm ponds.
- 5** The shoreline can be slippery and unstable.
- 6** The bottoms of storm ponds are very soft. People or pets that enter may quickly get stuck.

Learn more or find out if your community pond is a storm pond at calgary.ca/stormponds

Find safe places to play in the winter at calgary.ca/winteractivities and in the summer at calgary.ca/parks



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