













SOUTH SASKATCHEWAN RIVER WATERSHED STEWARDSHIP AWARDS

Are you an Urban Steward?



As urban residents, there's lots you can do in your everyday lives to preserve the quality and quantity of our source water without owning land. Have you ever wondered if there was anything more you could do to have a significantly positive impact on the Watershed? Check off the following conservation measures that you currently perform.

1.  Use phosphate-free dish-washing detergent and wash full loads in your dishwasher.
2.  Compost all fruit and vegetable waste, coffee grounds, and organic yard waste.
3.  Use a high efficiency shower head preferably with a shut-off valve.
4.  Have a water efficient / low-flow toilet or use toilet dams in the toilet tank.
5.  Use an energy and water efficient front loading washing machine.
6.  Use a rain barrel to collect run-off from your roof and use on your garden.
7.  Have native plants in your yard and garden, and use mulch around your plants.
8.  Water the lawn in the cooler parts of the day. (Check out our website for watering tips.)
9.  Hang-dry laundry on a clothesline or clothes rack, instead of using the dryer exclusively.
10.  Dispose of all household hazardous materials properly and NOT put anything down the storm drains.



If you, or someone you know practices all of the above conservation measures and perhaps more, we'd like to hear from you so we can acknowledge these noble efforts.

If you would like to learn more about being a steward, we'd be happy to help you. Hope to hear from you soon!

Are you a Rural Steward?



As a producer-landowner or land manager, there is even more potential to be a steward and help to protect and preserve the quality and quantity of our water. In 2009, the South Saskatchewan River Watershed Stewards (SSRWSI) will be giving out Awards to acknowledge local farmers and ranchers who have done an exceptional job of incorporating stewardship activities into their operations. These activities would be those that preserve and/or improve source water quality and/or quantity in the South Saskatchewan River Watershed and are consistent with the key actions and objectives of the SSRWSI Source Water Protection Plan.

Establishment of:

- ❖ Shelterbelts
- ❖ Remote watering systems
- ❖ Non-economic cover crops
- ❖ Perennial Forages

Enhancement / Restoration of:

- ❖ Native Rangelands
- ❖ Natural Ecosystems
- ❖ Riparian Areas / Buffers
- ❖ Wildlife Habitat

Relocation of:

- ❖ Livestock Facilities
- away from Riparian Areas

Aquifer Protection through:

- ❖ Proper Well Management
- ❖ Proper Well Decommissioning
- ❖ Water Quality Testing

Use of:

- ❖ Water & Nutrient-Use Efficient Irrigation Techniques / Systems
- ❖ Zero or Low Tillage techniques
- ❖ Recycled "grey" water

Improvement of:

- ❖ Grazing Management Systems
- ❖ Manure Management
- Treatment, Storage & Application

Proper Storage & Disposal of:

- ❖ Hazardous Materials and Chemicals

Reduction of:

- ❖ Cultivation by Waterbodies
- ❖ Grazing Impacts
- ❖ Water, Soil & Wind Erosion

Control of:

- ❖ Invasive Plant Species
- ❖ Farmyard Run-off

Elimination of:

- ❖ Point Source Contaminants

The above stewardship activities correspond with Beneficial Management Practices (BMP's) which have been eligible for cost sharing incentives through the Environmental Farm Plan (EFP) Program offered by PCAB, SK Agriculture and PFRA. For those farmers who choose not to complete an individual EFP, there is the potential to submit a Group Plan with neighbouring producers which may also be eligible for cost sharing incentives through the Government. 2008 being a transition year, only Group Plans established in 2007 were eligible for funding. 2009 will present new opportunities in this arena with the establishment of the "Growing Forward" program. Please contact our office or one of the following PCAB Watershed Advisors working in the South Saskatchewan River Watershed for more info: Julie MacKenzie - Southwest of Outlook (306)264-3622 and Digit Guedo - North of Outlook (306) 663-4100 or visit the PCAB Website at www.saskpcab.com and go to: **Watershed Awareness**, or **Environmental Farm Plan**