

# STAY OUT OF STORMWATER PONDS

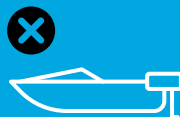
## Stormwater ponds are unsafe!

- Water levels can rise very quickly during rainstorms.
- Stormwater is polluted and not suitable for swimming, boating, or fishing.
- Shorelines can be slippery and unstable.



## How to stay safe near stormwater ponds

- Do not wade into, swim, fish, or boat in stormwater ponds at any time of the year.
- Keep children and pets off the shoreline and out of the water.
- Stay on designated trails when walking near the pond.
- Know where to find lifesaving equipment.
- Report any missing lifesaving equipment to 311.



# SWIM AT OPEN POOLS AND BEACHES!

The City of Brampton has swimming pools and splash pads available throughout Brampton.

For more information visit our [Swimming webpage](#).

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# STORMWATER POND SAFETY

Stormwater ponds help protect you, your home, your neighbourhood, and the environment from damage caused by stormwater runoff.

## What is a Stormwater Pond?

- They collect and hold stormwater runoff and snowmelt from nearby homes, roads, driveways, parking lots.
- Stormwater runoff and snowmelt going into the pond picks up things like road salts, sand, pet waste, leaves, antifreeze, motor oil, detergents and garbage.
- Pollutants picked up and carried into the pond can settle in the bottom of the pond.
- Cleaner water from the top of the pond is released into our rivers and streams.
- Stormwater ponds release the water slowly to prevent flooding and erosion.
- The addition of trees, shrubs, naturalized areas, walkways and seating platforms enhance the natural beauty of the stormwater ponds so residents and visitors can enjoy the view.

## What does the City do?

The City of Brampton has over 180 stormwater ponds helping protect you and the environment. The City maintains these ponds by:

- Removing sediments
- Removing debris in and around the pond when safe
- Removing invasive vegetation
- Maintaining structures like gates and valves
- Maintaining surrounding vegetation and plants
- Replacing vegetation
- Stabilizing banks to prevent erosion
- Monitoring ponds

## What can you do?

- Obey the signs
- Stay off and out of stormwater ponds
- Stay away from the shorelines
- In case of emergency call 911
- Download the what3words free mobile app for iOS and Android

