

## **What Does the City of Lakewood do to Protect Our Water Quality?**

Lakewood's Public Works Department regularly sweeps City streets to keep the trash and debris out of the storm drains. The City also removes trash and noxious vegetation from the many gulches and waterways throughout Lakewood. The City has more than forty miles of gulches and approximately 2500 storm sewer inlets that require occasional maintenance. The City regularly maintains Municipal Facilities, City-owned detention ponds, parks and open-space areas each year.

The City of Lakewood is an active participant in the Bear Creek Watershed Association. [www.bearcreekwatershed.org](http://www.bearcreekwatershed.org) Working with the upstream jurisdictions, the City encourages good housekeeping efforts throughout the watershed. The Bear Creek Watershed supplies the majority of water to the City via Bear Creek Reservoir. Bear Creek Reservoir receives drainage from both Bear Creek and Turkey Creek with drainage from Park County, Clear Creek County and Jefferson County. The total watershed area is 83,665 acres. The reservoir is at an elevation of 5600 feet, while the mountains that form the upper boundary are at an average elevation of 10,000 feet. The watershed contains the Town of Morrison and the communities of Evergreen, Genesee, Kittredge, El Rancho, Idledale, Indian Hills, Tiny Town, Bergen Park, Conifer, Aspen Park, Brook Forest, Sprucedale, Marshdale and Brookvale.

Lakewood also works cooperatively with front range communities such as; Denver, Aurora, Ft. Collins, Golden, Arvada and others in the Denver Regional Council of Government's (DRCOG) Water Environment Planning Committee forum. Utilizing a consistent regional water quality approach along with other jurisdictions allows for considerable cost savings and increased effectiveness in the promotion of water quality protection.

The City actively supports the Rooney Road Recycling Center (RRRC) which allows all residents of Jefferson County to recycle their household hazardous waste, used oil, paint and other materials by appointment. The RRRC also collects hazardous wastes and recyclables directly from your home. For information, appointments and directions to the RRRC, call 303-316-6262 or view our color brochures on residential and commercial waste collections.

To report chemical spills into the storm drain systems or illegal dumping call 303-987-7111.