

## Home and Garden Show 2008

The Oldman Watershed Council's Urban Team once again participated in the Lethbridge Home and Garden Show. A booth was set up, in partnership with the Southern Alberta Group for the Environment (SAGE), to inform the public about stormwater. The idea was to bring awareness about how our actions at home and at the workplace can affect the water quality in our River.



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This years display featured information on:

- The Yellow Fish Road Program.
- Information and tips that can be done around the house to conserve water.
- A stormwater map in which the public could mark off their home and see where their stormwater entered the Oldman River.
- An interactive display demonstrating how contaminants from industrial businesses, homes, and farms/acreages can enter the river through runoff.
- And, a chance to win 2 rain barrels.

The booth brought in a steady stream of people. In comparing previous years to this year, we learned that there are more people using rain barrels in their yards, more of the general public understands the difference between a storm sewer/drain and sewage drainage/treatment, and less people are using pesticides or weed-and-feed on their lawns. We also saw an increase in people wanting information on converting their yard from lawn to landscaping with drought-tolerant plants.