

## *How to Secure Your Load Properly*



Securing your load with tie-downs, a tarp or cargo net does not take long. These items can be purchased for less than \$20 at most local hardware stores.

Before you start driving, be sure that you:

- Cover grass clippings, sand, gravel and dirt with a tarp and keep it below the top of your vehicle's box or container.
- Place light objects lower in the container instead of on the top of your load.
- Use rope, bungee cords, nets, or straps to tie tarps and other objects down.

- Tie large items, like mattresses, tree branches and construction materials, directly to your vehicle.
- Put loose items, like garbage and yard waste, in a covered container so that it is easier to secure.
- Put a flag on any items that extend beyond the back of your vehicle.

If your load does fall off onto the road, be responsible and take reasonable steps to safely remove it.

Fines for failing to properly cover and secure waste while it is being transported start at \$100.00.

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## **Transporting Waste Securely**

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*It is important to secure your load properly*

The following are examples of loads that have been transported in our community and that are NOT properly secured:



*City of Medicine Hat Bylaws 1805 and 1556*

Bylaws 1805 and 1556 of the City of Medicine Hat prohibit waste from being transported in a vehicle unless it is covered and properly secured to prevent it from coming off or out of the vehicle or trailer it is being transported in.

Each spring alone it is estimated that approximately 3,500 vehicles with poorly secured loads leave litter along our city roadways. Debris can range from boxes, leaves, papers, and shopping bags, which are unsightly, to larger items like construction materials and furniture that can create road safety hazards.

Securing waste properly ensures that the community stays clean and the streets are safe for other users. Loose waste not only litters the ground, but can cause traffic hazards. Boards or shingles with nails could flatten tires or cause a vehicle to swerve into oncoming traffic, or cause a motorcyclist to lose control of his vehicle.