

# Secure your cargo: it's the law

As a driver, you are responsible for making sure the cargo you are carrying is secured to your vehicle. Unsecured cargo risks the lives of all users of the roadway, and creates litter that could harm the environment.

Together, we can make Leduc County safer and cleaner.

## Regulations

According to Leduc County's Traffic Bylaw, failure to secure cargo when traveling on a local county roadway (excluding provincial roadways) could result in a \$500 fine.

In addition, if a vehicle tracks earth, sand, gravel or other material – including vehicle fluids – onto a roadway, the operator of the vehicle may be required to remove the material, or may be charged the related clean-up fees. Further, if there are any damages to the roadway, the operator of the vehicle may be charged the related fees to repair the damage.

Commercial vehicle operators could also face a \$810 fine under the *Traffic Safety Act* for failing to secure cargo.

## What to do if cargo falls onto a roadway

If your cargo becomes unsecured and falls onto the road, take reasonable steps to safely remove it. If you are unable to do so, contact Leduc County Enforcement Services at **780-955-5005** for assistance and to make sure other motorists are protected.



# Tips for securing your cargo

- Use tie-down straps to properly secure objects.
- Place light objects lower in the container instead of on the top, to prevent them from exiting the container.
- Tie large items, like mattresses and construction equipment, directly to your vehicle with appropriate tie-down straps.
- Put loose items, like garbage and yard waste, in a covered container so they are easier to secure.
- Attach a safety flag to any items that extend beyond the back of your vehicle so they are more visible to other motorists.
- Place a tarp over loose items or those that billow in the wind to ensure they don't fall from your vehicle.
- If you are transporting earth, sand, gravel or other loose material, it must be at least 75 millimetres below the top of the container or your truck's box, and must be completely covered at all times.

