

CAR WASHING

When you wash a car in a driveway or street, wash water flows into the storm sewer system and directly to local lakes and rivers - along with dirt, emissions and detergent. If you must wash your car at home, use biodegradable soap, wash it on your lawn or on other unpaved areas to keep runoff out of storm drains and our local waterways.



Washing one vehicle may not seem like an issue, but collective residential car washing can add up to a big problem for local water bodies. If you choose to wash your vehicle at home, wash on an area that absorbs water, like gravel or grass. This can filter dirty wash water before it enters groundwater, storm drains, or rivers. Be sure to use biodegradable, phosphate-free, water-based cleaners and always empty wash buckets into sinks or toilets.

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