

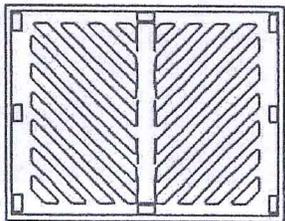
Storm drains lead directly to local streams, lakes, and the Puget Sound

Wastewater from car washes can contribute toxic hydrocarbons and other organic compounds such as: oil, grease, heavy metals and suspended solids, to a local stream. The soaps used for washing vehicles are often more harmful than the substances washed off the vehicle.



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There is a reason we all love to live here. Let's work together to help protect our resources for future generations.

Car Washing Tips



DUMP NO WASTE
DRAINS TO STREAM



Puget Sound
Starts Here



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Tips for washing your car at home:

- Conserve water by using a trigger nozzle on the hose.
- Use as little soap as possible. Understand that biodegradable soap needs to infiltrate into soil in order to biodegrade.
- Direct the soapy water to a gravel or grassy area where it will infiltrate into the soil.
- Dump bucket of soapy water down a sink or on the gravel or grassy area where it will infiltrate into the soil.
- Use no water at all, by using a waterless car wash kit.

Or better yet.....

Take your car to a commercial car wash where the water is treated through the sanitary sewer system.



Having a charity car wash in the City limits?

The 76 gas station at 1026 164th Street SE in Mill Creek has a custom designed car wash kit provided by the City. If you are having a charity car wash, the City encourages you to contact this gas station and use their kit which is kept on site.

The car wash kit is designed to pump the soapy water from the car wash onto a landscaped area where it can infiltrate. Without a car wash kit, the soapy water will go down the storm drain and go into a local stream without any treatment.

Another option for charity car washes is to purchase pre-paid car wash tickets through the Puget Sound Car Wash Association

By participating in this program, you will earn more money for your cause and be able to advertise that you are environmentally friendly.

Visit www.charitycarwash.org to learn more.

