

# Vehicle Washing

## Commercial Property Owners and Businesses



As a property owner or manager, you are responsible for preventing wash water from leaving your site and entering storm drains. To wash vehicles, choose from the following alternatives:

- Use a commercial car wash
- Create a designated covered wash area and install the proper treatment facilities:
  - Connect the drain to the sanitary sewer and oil/water separator (obtain proper building permits)
  - Do not connect the drain to a septic system
- Collect the wash water and dispose of it into the sanitary sewer
- Wash on grass or landscaped area **using only water** (no soap or chemicals) if washing **no more than 8** vehicles per week



## Fundraiser Car Washes

If a group holds a fundraiser car wash on your property, you are responsible for preventing the wash water from entering the storm drainage system. As an alternative to the traditional fundraiser car wash, groups can meet their fundraising goals through the fundraiser car wash coupon program.

## Car Wash Coupons for Fundraisers

Fundraiser groups can sell coupons to redeem at participating commercial car washes. For more info, call 360-697-1144 or visit [www.kitsapgov.com/sswm/carwash.htm](http://www.kitsapgov.com/sswm/carwash.htm)



## Vehicle Wash Water Pollutes

Rain picks up pollutants left on the ground and washes them into Puget Sound. Cities and counties in Western Washington are addressing potential pollutants that could enter the storm drainage system and eventually Puget Sound. Preventing runoff from vehicle washing is a part of the overall effort to restore the health of Puget Sound.

*Discharging vehicle wash water to the storm drainage system is an illicit discharge and may result in fines or penalties.*

## For More Information:

For more information or technical assistance, contact:



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