

Car Washing



What's the Problem?

Car wash water contains road grime, oil and grease, heavy metals and soap. When you wash your car in your driveway or in the street, polluted wash water flows directly into the nearest storm drain. From the storm drain, this polluted runoff flows directly into our creeks, lakes, wetland, and bay without treatment.

What can we do?

Wash your car at a commercial car wash. They are required to send polluted wash water to the sanitary sewer system, which cleans and treats water before it is discharged to Puget Sound. Most car washes also filter and reuse water several times before sending it to the sewer.

Washing your car at home?

If you wash your car at home, wash it on a grassy or gravel area, where the wash water will soak into the soil and won't drain directly to a storm drain or local water body. In the event that it is not possible to wash the car on grass or gravel, it is the homeowner's responsibility to direct the wash water to landscaping or other areas that do not drain into a nearby catch basin.

Planning a fundraiser?

Contact the City to discuss your car wash event and learn about reserving a car wash kit at (425) 257- 8992 or everettpw@everettwa.gov

What is in a car wash kit?

A car wash kit includes a catch basin insert, grate lifting hook, pump, hose and extension cord. This kit effectively pumps dirty, soapy water from storm drain, directing it to a city approved location.

The kit includes a map of your event area with instructions on how to operate the kit for your event.

