

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 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 the proper permits.
 - ✦ Do not connect the drain to a septic system.
- ◆ Collect the wash water and dispose it into the sanitary sewer.
- ◆ Wash on grass or landscaped area with cold water only if washing no more than 10 vehicles per week.

For technical assistance, please contact Kitsap 1 at (360) 337-5777 or kitsap1@co.kitsap.wa.us.



If a group holds a charity car wash on your commercial property, you are responsible for preventing the wash water from entering the storm drainage system. As an alternative to the traditional charity 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 be redeemed at participating commercial car washes. In Kitsap County, contact 360-697-1144 or visit www.kitsapgov.com/sswm/carwash.htm.



Vehicle Wash Water Pollutes

Rain picks up pollutants left on the ground and washes them into Puget Sound. Kitsap County and other Western Washington agencies 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 Puget Sound's health.

For More Information:

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