

# DID YOU KNOW?

## ONLY RAIN SHOULD ENTER THE STORM DRAIN

Pollutants left on the ground can be carried by rain to a storm drain, and eventually, entering local streams untreated.



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## CAR WASHING TIPS



**Follow these tips  
for safe car  
washing practices  
and help protect  
our waterways.**

## CLEAN SUD FREE

- Use “biodegradable,” “non-toxic,” or “phosphate free” products
- Capture wash water runoff and dispose of it indoors
- Use a bucket of soapy water instead of a running hose



## AT HOME PRACTICES

- Wash near grassy or landscaped areas
- Limit detergent use
- Block the flow of wash water with rags or absorbent material
- Pour used wash water into indoor utility sinks

## VISIT A COMMERCIAL CAR WASH



Commercial car washes are regulated, and require State permitting, water quality monitoring, and water treatment.

Commercial car washes are also required to trap grease, oil, and other pollutants to keep it from getting into local waterways.

## FOR VOLUNTEER AND COMMUNITY CAR WASH EVENTS

- Partner with a commercial car wash, business, or organization that can dispose of wash water
- Wash vehicles on permeable surfaces, like gravel or grass
- Avoid acid-based wheel cleaners or engine degreasers
- Empty wash water buckets in an indoor drain connected to the sanitary sewer system
- Follow other recommendations for at-home car washing practices!

