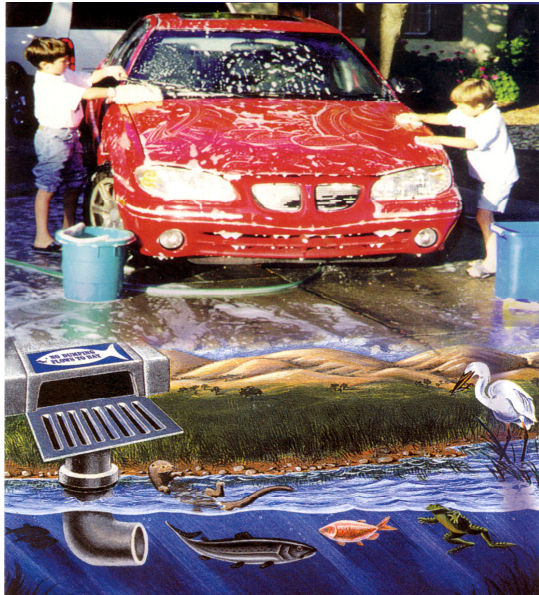




Car Washing - the Fish-Friendly Way!



Is there a problem with residential car washing?

There's no problem with washing a car, **IF** you take into consideration **HOW** and **WHERE** you do it! Soap - even the biodegradable type - is lethal to fish and other aquatic life in relatively small doses.

When you wash your car on the street or driveway, the soap - together with dirt and oil washed from your car - flows into nearby storm drains. These storm drains flow directly into local creeks, wetlands, the Bay or Ocean.

So How CAN I Wash My Car?

Take it to a [commercial car wash](#) where the water is "cleaned" before being discharged into the environment. Most commercial car washes use 60% less water for the entire process than a homeowner uses just to rinse the car!

If you **MUST** wash your car exterior at home, use soap sparingly in a bucket of water. Toss the dirty water onto a landscaped area or down an indoor drain that is linked to a sanitary sewer. If you need to clean your engine, take your car to a commercial car wash or auto detailing business.

When washing your car, use a "trigger" nozzle to save water. Wash your vehicle on a grassy or dirt area where the soil can filter some of the pollutants.

If you plan to hold a **carwash fundraiser**, borrow a [Fish-Friendly CarWash kit from MCSTOPPP!](#) The kit contains everything you need to hold a carwash without hurting the fish!

Call MCSTOPPP at 499-6528 and reserve a kit for your next carwash fundraiser.

Contact MCSTOPPP to find out how to make your own kit inexpensively!



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