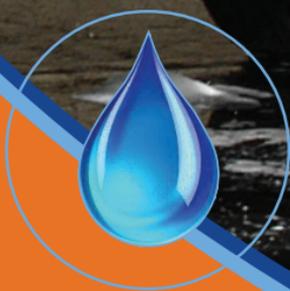


WHAT YOU CAN DO . . . ABOUT
CAR CARE



Dirty water from car washing, leaky motor oil, and gasoline can wash from our driveways and roads into the storm drain or roadside ditch.

**Help keep our rivers, lakes,
and beaches clean**



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Which car care practices can be harmful?

- Washing your car in the driveway or on the street sends polluted wash water into waterways.
- Allowing continuous fluid leaks onto your driveway or street from your vehicle sends hazardous pollution into waterways.

How can I wash my car without harming our waterways?

- **Wash your car on the grass**
Washing your car and dumping wash water on the lawn allows the ground to filter wash water naturally.
- **Host car wash fundraisers at the car wash**
Commercial car washes are required to send wash water into the sanitary sewer where it can be properly treated.

How can I practice car care without harming our waterways?

- **Take your car to the shop for maintenance**
Service centers have the ability to recycle used fluids and properly clean up accidental spills.
- **Safely dispose of used fluids if you change them yourself**
Take your used oil, antifreeze, or other fluids to your community's household hazardous waste collection day or to a business that accepts them. Never dump these fluids down the storm drain.
- **Stop drips**
Prevent fluid leaks from reaching paved surfaces. Check for leaks regularly and fix them promptly. Use ground cloths or drip pans to capture leaks until you can get them fixed.

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