

# Wash Your Car, Not the Stream.

## Our streams begin in your driveway.



Keep detergents out of our waterways.  
Wash your car at a commercial car wash or on the grass.

### Clean Cars ... Dirty Streams?

Washing your car at home can contribute to water pollution.

Waste water from washing your car may contain oil, grease, road grime and detergents. When you wash your car on the street, in your driveway or on other paved surfaces, the waste water is able to drain into your local stream through the storm water drainage system. So, washing your car in your driveway or on the street is like washing your car in your local stream!

You can be a solution to storm water pollution by taking some simple actions:

- \* Use a commercial car wash that handles waste water properly.
- \* If you have to wash your car at home, wash it less often and on the grass so all the waste water can soak into the ground.
- \* Avoid and report illegal commercial car wash operators who let waste water drain to the street, a storm drain or a waterway.
- \* To report a violation call **678-376-6929**.



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