

Mobile Vehicle Washing

The **County of San Diego Watershed Protection Program** supports businesses in their efforts to prevent pollution by offering these important Stormwater Best Management Practices (BMPs).

❗ Water that is released into the streets, gutters, and storm drains in San Diego County is not treated before it reaches our local creeks, rivers, and the ocean. **These tips specific to mobile vehicle washing businesses will help keep our waterways clean.**

- ❑ Temporarily cover nearby storm drain inlets to prevent wash water from entering the storm drain system.
- ❑ Wash vehicles over a pervious surface (landscaping, soil, etc).
- ❑ When washing vehicles over pavement, collect and contain all wash water for proper disposal according to all applicable laws and regulations or dispose of wash water to a pervious surface such as landscaping.
- ❑ Conserve water by using a bucket and hose with a shut-off nozzle or use dry cleaning methods such as sweeping, wiping, vacuuming or raking.
- ❑ Capture and contain engine degreasing chemicals and associated runoff. Dispose according to all applicable laws and regulations.
- ❑ Use non-toxic and less hazardous cleaning products.
- ❑ Reduce or eliminate the use of soaps, degreasers, or other cleaning agents.
- ❑ Keep materials and equipment necessary for spill response in all vehicles and in a centrally accessible location.

❗ Releasing pollutants directly or indirectly into the storm drain system or waterways is a violation of the County's Watershed Protection Ordinance (WPO). **Your business is required to comply with the WPO and the following minimum BMPs.**

thank you for doing your part to protect our waterways.



For more information, call the Stormwater Hotline at (888) 846-0800 or visit www.sandiegocounty.gov/dpw/watersheds.html for the WPO.