



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. All sources of pollution are prohibited from leaving your property and entering streets or storm drains. Only rainwater is allowed in the streets and storm drains. **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 above minimum BMPs.**

we can
**protect our
waterways**

with just
a few steps.

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/stormwater for the WPO.