



county of san diego

vehicle washing



Let's All Do Our Part!

Most residents are concerned about keeping our waterways clean. In fact, surveys conducted across San Diego County show that **more than 50% of residents** believe that pollution of our beaches, lakes, and creeks directly affects them and their families.

We're Here To Help.

Vehicles, including boats, RVs and trailers provide a way for residents to enjoy all that San Diego County has to offer, but when water from washing these vehicles gets into the storm drains, it can cause problems for our waterways. The **County of San Diego Watershed Protection Program** supports residents in their efforts to prevent pollution by offering these important **tips for preventing vehicle wash water from entering the storm drain.**



Water that is released to 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, including improper vehicle washing, is prohibited from leaving your property and entering streets or storm drains. Only rainwater is allowed in the streets and storm drains.

What Can You Do To Keep Our Waterways Clean?

- **Use a commercial car wash** whenever possible. Commercial car washes often reuse wash water several times.
- **Wash your vehicles on a landscaped area** to prevent runoff and allow the ground to filter the water naturally.
- **Use a hose with a trigger nozzle** to save water.
- **Use soap sparingly** and pour your bucket of soapy water down the sink when you are done and not into the street.

***Thank you for doing
your part to protect
our waterways.***

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