

When you're washing your car in the driveway, remember you're not just washing your car in the driveway.

Curbside storm sewers link to nearby lakes, rivers, and wetlands!

Turn over and learn how to keep your car – and our water – clean.



Tips for keeping your car - and our water - clean

Don't dirty our water while washing your car! Wash water that reaches storm sewers ends up untreated in near-by lakes, rivers and wetlands.

- Use a commercial car wash – wash water in a commercial car wash goes to the sanitary sewer and is treated.
- Use a biodegradable and phosphorus-free soap; take time to read labels.
- Wash your car on gravel, grass or other surface that will soak up wash water. Take care not to compact soil or damage tree roots.
- Pour your bucket of wash water onto the lawn or down the sink when done; not in the driveway or street.

