

Pressure Washing Guidance

Sidewalks
Parking lots
Plazas
Drive-throughs
Dumpster pads
Building Exteriors
Car washes
Roofs



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Best Management Practices



1. Pre-plan the job by identifying slope, locating storm drains, and training employees

2. Block storm drains with impervious material, if necessary. Try to not use soap, if possible.

2. Dry clean area with absorbents and dispose of in trash

3. Direct pressure wash water to proper place ie. grassy area or sanitary sewer or collect and capture system

4. Dispose of wash water in proper location

IMPORTANT: Never let dirty pressure washing water enter the Storm Drain! It is an illicit discharge and you can be fined! Call 880-2420.

Where Should Wash Water Go?



Natural Area

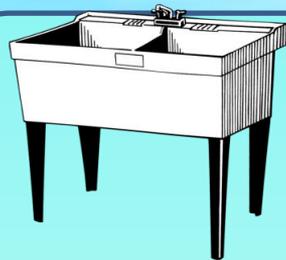
Direct water across grass in order to infiltrate water and filter out pollutants.

This is great for people washing cars!

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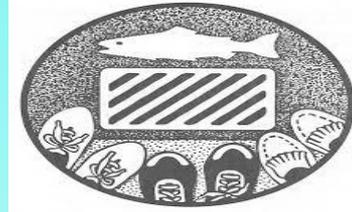
<http://www.nashville.gov/Portal/0/SiteContent/WaterServices/Stormwater/docs/educational/PolPrevSmallAutoMaint.pdf>

for detailed auto washing guidance



Sanitary Sewer

Allow solids to settle/filter out and dispose of as solid waste. Then put collected water into a cleanout, mop sink, toilet, or floor drain. If the water has visible oil (more than a sheen), it needs to go through an oil/water separator first. Usually, Car Washes or Auto Maint. Shops have oil/water separators. Ask permission from owner to dump! Contact 862-4590 for more options.



Storm Drain

-If no chemicals were used and the area was generally clean.
-If the wash water looks pretty clean
-If there is NO SHEEN
-If you are sure it is **not polluting!**
-If you don't know what is ok to do, call **STORM WATER** at 880-2420 for help.



Environmental Waste Company

You can't go wrong with this option. This is critical for wash water that is heavily contaminated with oil and grease, high/low pH, sediment, or Hazardous Materials like solvents, lead-based paint, or gas.