



# Residential Car Washing Best Management Practices (BMPs)

**Water that enters storm drains is not filtered and eventually ends up in streams and the ocean. Residential car washing is a common source of stormwater pollution, but we can avoid that with some simple Best Management Practices.**

**When washing your car at home, follow these BMPs to prevent pollution from entering storm drains:**

- ✓ **Wash your car on grass or gravel so the water soaks into the ground (infiltrate).**
- ✓ **Use phosphorous-free soap to prevent adverse impacts to streams, ponds or the ocean.**
- ✓ **Use a bucket, sponge, and nozzle on the end of the hose to conserve water.**



- ✓ **Dispose of excess wash water from the bucket in the grass, gravel or into a sink.**
- ✓ **Fix car leaks to keep oil and fluids from washing off.**
- ✓ **Avoid washing fluids and oils from the undercarriage or engine compartments.**



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