What You Can Do to Keep Water Clean

A storm drain is the entrance to a system that collects and carries water from streets and parking lots, and discharges it **untreated** into our lakes, streams, wetlands and Puget Sound.

Storm Drain Stenciling

The city of Buckley has stenciled numerous storm drains around the city to remind the community help keep our water clean.

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Report Violators

If you suspect a spill or see someone pouring waste down a storm drain, call the City of Buckley Stormwater Program Manager at (360) 829-1921 or the Washington Department of Ecology at (800) 258-5990.

For More Information:

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(360) 829-1921.

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When You Wash a Car on Pavement Where Does Soapy Water Go?

Water that is rinsed off a car contains a mixture of detergents, oils and heavy metals that flow onto the street, travel into a storm drain and then flow into Buckley's streams and into Puget Sound. This soapy, polluted water is untreated and can kill aquatic plants and wildlife.

What Can You Do To Keep Our Water Clean?

The City of Buckley offers a Car Wash Kit on-loan to community groups, churches and schools to encourage environmentally-friendly car wash events. For car wash coupon fundraising opportunities please see the *Charity Car Wash Coupons* section.

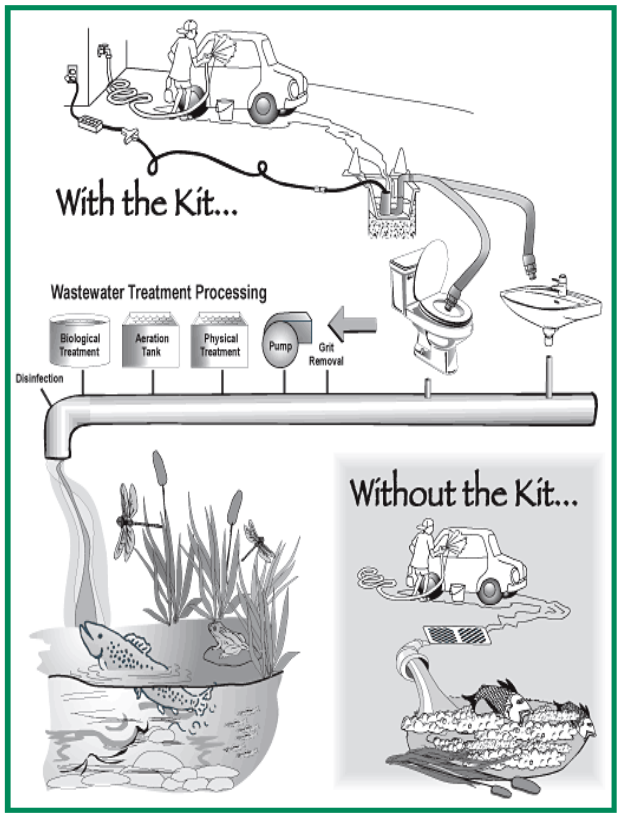
Car Wash Kit

Each kit contains a car wash announcement board, hose and a basin to capture and divert the soapy water away from the storm drain and onto grass, gravel or into a sink that drains to the wastewater treatment system.

Site Requirements

To use the Car Wash Kit, the following is required at the site:

- Electrical power within 100 feet of the wash area
- Grass or gravel area, or sink or toilet that lead to the sewer system within 100 feet of the wash area.



Group leaders can contact personnel at the City of Buckley at
at (360) 829-1921 to reserve a kit.

Eco-Friendly Car Wash Tips

- Look for soaps that are:
  - Non-toxic
  - Biodegradable
  - Phosphate-free
  - Vegetable- or citrus-based
- Phosphates can cause excess algae to grow, and as algae decays, the process uses up oxygen in the water that fish need.

- Use a hose with an adjustable nozzle.
- After washing, dispose of bucket contents into the sewer system such as toilets and sinks.
- 'Biodegradable' only means that the soap will break down over time. It is preferable to use a biodegradable soap, but it doesn't necessarily guarantee it is better for plants, animals and the environment.

Look For These Car Wash Soaps:

- Simple Green Car Wash
- Meguiar's NXT Generation
- Turtle Wax ICE Car Wash

Charity Car Wash Coupons

Sell local commercial car wash coupons available from Puget Sound Car Wash Association (800) 509-9274 or Brown Bear Charity Car Wash Program (206) 774-3742.

Protect Our Waters From Soap and Pollution!