

CAR, BOAT & ATV/UTV WASHING

Washing a car or boat over hard surfaces can contribute to ocean pollution. Pollutants – such as oil, grease, metals, soap, sediment, engine fluids, etc. – can end up in the wash water as you clean your vehicle and be carried into the storm drain system, which then flows untreated into local waterways. Water associated with washing of residential vehicles must be controlled to minimize entrance into the City’s storm drain system. All commercial vehicles must be washed without creating runoff.

Control, Contain, Capture & Dispose

Control: Use methods or tools that allow you to better manage your wash area, such as using a control nozzle on a hose or using a bucket and sponge to reduce the amount of water and detergent you use. Pull your car up onto your lawn to allow water to be absorbed into the soil and not run off into the street

Contain: Prevent wash water and debris from leaving your property. Divert water to a landscaped or pervious area using rolled up towels, berms, or a broom so water can evaporate or soak into the soil without creating runoff.

Capture & Dispose: Capture all excess wash water using a mop, wet vacuum, vacuum boom, or absorbents. Wash water can be drained onto landscaped areas or collected and disposed of into the sanitary sewer system, such as an onsite sink or toilet.

