

WASH YOUR CAR THE SMART WAY!



Water that runs off a car when it is washed in a driveway, street, or parking lot can contain substances that negatively impact water quality. Water entering storm drains does not undergo treatment before it is discharged into our waterways. Therefore, minimizing your impact is extremely important!

THINGS YOU CAN DO TO MINIMIZE YOUR IMPACT

- Use biodegradable cleaners (Yes, Turtlewax is an eco-friendly, biodegradable product)
- Minimize water usage. Use a spray gun with flow restriction to minimize water volume and runoff
- Wash on an area that absorbs water, such as gravel or grass. This can filter water before it enters groundwater, storm drains, or creeks. Avoid washing cars on concrete or asphalt pavement unless it drains into a vegetated area
- Only let wash water soak into the ground as long as you are using biodegradable cleaners
- Empty wash buckets into sinks or tubs
- Create a barrier using sandbags to collect waste water and distribute it to garden plants
- Avoid using acid-based wheel cleaners or hose-off engine degreasers

