



COMMERCIAL CAR WASH BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

When rain falls or snow melts, the runoff produced picks up different contaminants like oil, metals, salts, pet waste and more as it flows over surfaces like roofs and roads. This runoff ultimately ends up in our storm drains, which lead directly to our local rivers and streams.

Car wash operations can create runoff with toxic chemicals like hydrofluoric acid, phosphates, lubricants and oils. All the debris and sediment getting washed off cars can make their way into the storm drain.

Learn more about best management practices for preventing stormwater pollution at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's website: www.epa.gov.

**QUESTIONS?
CONTACT THE
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PUBLIC WORKS.**

(586) 598-0687

**Monday - Friday:
7:30 AM - 4:00 PM**

BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES



CHEMICAL USE:

Use sparingly and don't allow chemicals, lubricants and oils to spill out of containers.



CONTROL LITTER:

Pick up any litter in and around the car wash to keep it from entering storm drains and nearby waterways.



ROUTINE MAINTENANCE:

If your car wash has a grift trap, have it cleaned regularly with the sludge properly handled and disposed of.



EDUCATE STAFF:

Check out the EPA's safe choice guide for products at epa.gov/safechoice/products.



ECO-FRIENDLY DETERGENT

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CHEMICAL DISPOSAL:

Properly dispose of unused chemicals.