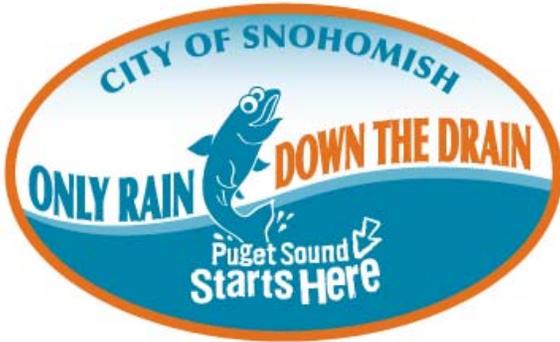




What You Can Do to Keep Water Clean

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 rivers and Puget Sound.



Storm Drain Identification

The City of Snohomish has stenciled and identified numerous storm drains around the city with markers like the one above to remind the community to help keep our water clean.

Report Violators

If you suspect a spill or see someone pouring waste down a storm drain, call the City of Snohomish Stormwater Program Manager at (360) 568-3115 or the Washington Department of Ecology at (800) 258-5990.

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Youth and Community Fundraising Eco-Friendly Car Wash Program



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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 Snohomish'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 Snohomish 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

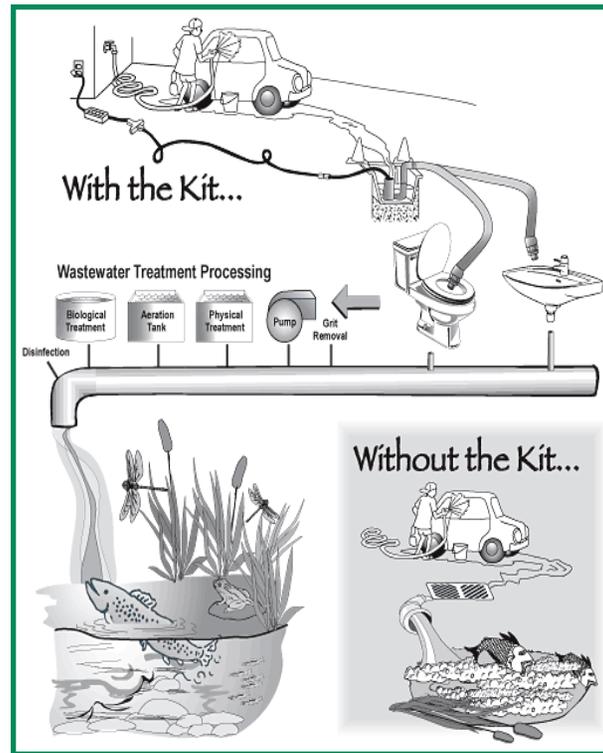
Each kit contains a hose, electric pump and a basin to capture and divert the soapy water away from the storm drain and onto grass, gravel or into a sink that drains to the wastewater treatment system.



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 may contact the Snohomish Stormwater Program Manager at (360) 568-3115 to reserve a kit.

Eco-Friendly Car Wash Tips

- Look for soaps that are non-toxic, biodegradable, phosphate-free and 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!