

Local Car Wash Facilities

**Sparkle Shine Car Wash**  
2726 Perkiomen Ave

**Waterfall Car Wash**  
1313 St. Lawrence Ave

**Scott's Car Wash**  
5700 Perkiomen Ave

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How to wash your  
car without  
harming your  
local waterways



## Stormwater Pollution

Everyone enjoys a clean car.

But did you know that by cleaning your car and letting the wash water run off into the storm drain, you are allowing pollution to enter the local waterways?

Water from washing cars contains dirt and soap, but also oil, grease, and metals such as copper, nickel, and zinc. These materials can be toxic to fish, birds, and other wildlife that live in local waterways.

The water entering the stormwater network flows straight to local waterways **without any treatment**.

By applying the following recommendations, you will be doing your part in keeping the local waterways cleaner.



## If washing your car at home

- ◆ Wash your car on a lawn so that soapy water will not run into a street or storm drain.
- ◆ Use rags to wipe brake dust off of wheels before washing.
- ◆ Use a nozzle on your hose to conserve water.
- ◆ Avoid using soap and other chemicals (such as spray-on wheel cleaners). Even biodegradable soap can be toxic to wildlife.
- ◆ Pour your bucket of soapy water down a sink or toilet or onto landscaping when you are finished.

## Car Wash Fundraisers

- ◆ Wash cars on a field instead of a parking lot, so soapy water will not run into storm drains, streets or gutters.
- ◆ Contact local commercial car washes for discounted passes that you can sell at a higher price to raise funds.
- ◆ Hold the event at a commercial car wash and ask them to donate part of the profits if you help to advertise.
- ◆ Partner with a self-serve car wash to host the event at their facility and wash cars for tips.
- ◆ Hold a neighborhood or park clean up. Take pledges for the amount of trash collected or area cleaned.