



Don't wash the car on the street!

Car washing on the street affects water quality

If cars are washed in the driveway, street or on other paved surfaces, the wastewater (which contains tire particles, oil and fuel residue, road materials, poisonous heavy metals and surfactants) runs off into the stormwater system. Stormwater often flows directly into ditches, rivers, and streams untreated and can be harmful to animals, plants, and our drinking water.

Everyone can make an active environmental choice by choosing an environmentally friendly car wash facility:

- a car wash that uses eco-friendly products
- and has a treatment process that abides by emission standards.

Besides automatic car washes, there are also the "do-it-yourself" centers, where the water is purified.

Do you wash your car at home?

Clay, gravel and dust may be rinsed off of a car on grassy, flat ground or gravel. Runoff, however, must not lead to a stormwater drain, open ditch, river, or lake and must not affect any body of freshwater.

Washing/hosing is not permitted in a garage with floor drains.

Environmental code applies to everyone!

Everyone, both businesses and individuals, engaged in some form of polluting activity is required by the Environmental Code to do what is necessary and reasonable to prevent harm to people's health and to the environment. This means, for instance, that those who use degreasing agents or car shampoo must make sure that the environment is not harmed in any way.

