

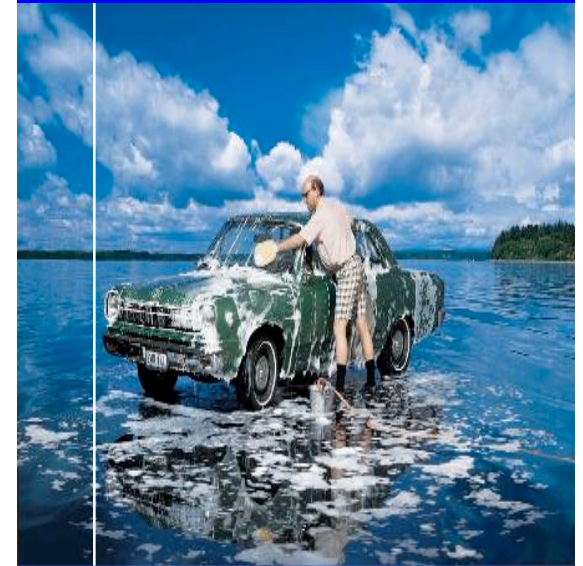


<http://www.ci.manteca.ca.us/pwt/engdiv/sdeng/charity/carwash.asp>

Car Washing? Got Pollution?

UCSC residents may not know the effects untreated car wash effluent can have on our environment and water quality. Detergents and surface residue from car washes contain high amounts of nutrients, metals and hydrocarbons that typically run into the nearest storm drain. This water discharges into the environment without being treated. Pollutants from car washing can have devastating effects on the UCSC campus ecosystems.

UCSC Residential Car Washing Environmental Impacts



<http://www.mass.gov/dep/water/resources/carwash.htm>

Only **RAIN** down the
DRAIN!

What you can do!

Practical Solutions

- Use a commercial car wash that treats and recycles dirty water.
- Use waterless car washing techniques and completely evade the problem.



<http://www.johnscarwash.com/envir.html>



www.octopuscarwash.com

Car washing on campus by UCSC residents is strictly prohibited!

Car Washing Facts

- ◆ Washing a car at home typically uses between 80 and 140 gallons of water, while a commercial car wash averages less than 45 gallons per car.
- ◆ According to the EPA, 55 to 70 percent of households wash their own cars once a month and reported their car wash water drained directly to the street and presumably, to the nearest stream.

www.epa.com

Storm Water Quality Hotline:

Please report any concerns, illegal dumping into storm drains, or suspicious activities that may cause environmental harm to the Storm Water Quality Hotline:

(831) 459-2553.

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