

Operation Clean & Green

Tips for Your Fundraising Car Wash Comply with the Washington State Clean Water Act



When you're washing a car in a driveway, you're not just washing a car in a driveway.



Keep it clean with StreamGuard™ SudSafe™ Car Wash Kits

Be part of the pollution solution!

We all need clean water. We drink it, fish in it, play in it, and work in it. We enjoy all it adds to our lives. In fact, we need it to survive. Fish, wildlife, and aquatic plants do, too.

What's the problem with car washing?

There's no problem with car washing. It's just how and where it's done.

The soap, dirt, and oil washed from cars flow into storm drains that run directly into local waters. The phosphates and other chemicals in the runoff harm fish, wildlife, plants, and water quality. Phosphate can also cause excess algae, which harms water quality and uses up oxygen in the water that fish need.

What your car wash fundraising group can do

- Borrow a SudSafe™ Car Wash Kit to catch car wash water and redirect it to a grassy area or into a sewer system.
- Use phosphate free biodegradable soap.
- Use shut off nozzles to conserve water.

Where to borrow a car wash kit

- City of Anacortes 293-1920
- City of Burlington 755-9715
- City of Mount Vernon 336-6204
- City of Sedro-Woolley 855-0771
- Skagit Conservation District 428-4313
- Skagit County Public Works 336-9400, ext. 3174

What comes with the Car Wash Kit?

- Storm drain insert to capture wash water
- Pump and extension cord
- Hose to redirect wash water
- Grate puller and safety cones
- Sandwich board with information about the Operation Clean & Green program and colored dry erase markers to advertise YOUR event
- Litter bags and brochures that detail the program for you to give to YOUR customers
- A DVD instruction sheet to help you have a successful, Clean & Green carwash.

For more information, call the Skagit Conservation District at 428-4313 or visit our website at www.skagitcd.org

Don't feed soap to the storm drain. Wash cars right. Keep our waters clean!

Program partners:

Northwest Straits Commission, Skagit Conservation District, Skagit County Public Works, Skagit Marine Resource Committee, and WA State Department of Ecology