

# Water Conservation, Stormwater and Fish

## Why Use a Car Wash Kit?

Car wash kits can be borrowed for community and fundraising events that use large volumes of water to wash vehicles. The kits will keep the runoff water, which often contains soap, detergent, automotive fluids and road grime that can be toxic to aquatic life, harmful to plant life and degrade our water quality from entering our local waters.

By using a car wash kit or taking your car to a fundraising car wash that uses a car wash kit, you are keeping our local waters, which we play in, fish in, and enjoy, clean.

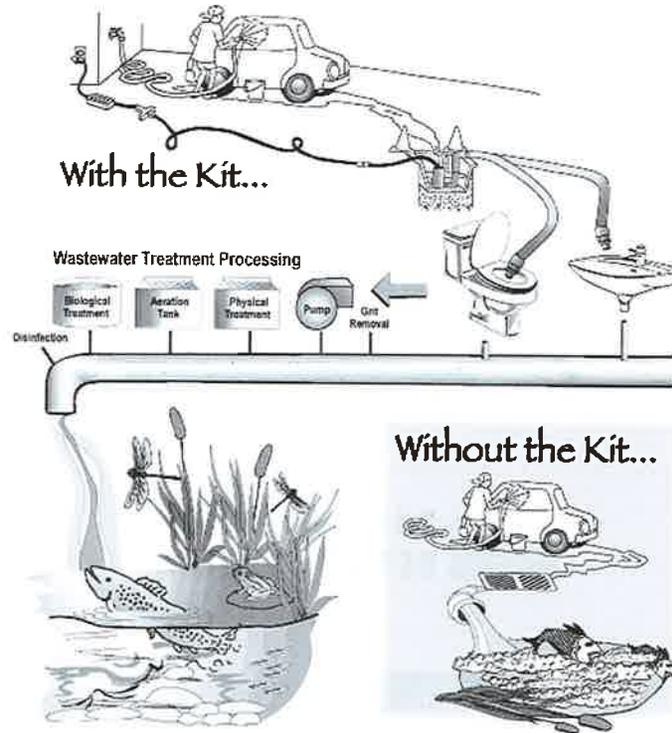
## Clean & Green at Home

 Wash your vehicle on a grassy area. The wash water will filter through the ground.

 Use shut off nozzles and pressure washers to conserve water. Pressure washing reduces water use by 75%.

 Use biodegradable and phosphate free soap.

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



**Total amount of water used for a typical car wash at home**

- 5 gallons in the bucket
- 24 gallons to wet the car @ 10 gpm
- +40 gallons to rinse @ 10 gpm
- = 65 gallons of water

## Storm Drain Marking Program



Storm Drain marking is a good way to remind our neighbors that stormwater flows untreated to our local waters. Harmful material can flow straight into adjacent ponds, ditches, rivers, lakes and bays. Here are examples of potential pollutants.

- Antifreeze
- Cleaners
- Motor oil
- Grass clippings
- Leaves
- Sediment
- Detergent
- Fertilizer
- Pet waste
- Paint
- Pesticides

The Skagit Conservation District will be organizing volunteer marker installation days in Burlington, Mount Vernon and Sedro-Woolley. To sign up for these events, or if you are interested in scheduling a storm drain marking project, please contact Cindy Pierce at the Skagit Conservation District Office at 360-428-4313 or [cindy@skagitcd.org](mailto:cindy@skagitcd.org).

