

## Did you know?

Contaminated runoff from city streets, neighborhoods, construction sites and parking lots and an assortment of business and residential activities is the largest source of water pollution. In fact, anything other than rain entering a storm drain can contaminate nearby streams and even our groundwater.

**Stormwater runoff** results from rainfall. Rainstorms can cause large volumes of water to rinse the urban landscape, picking up pollutants along the way.

**Urban runoff** occurs any time of the year when excessive water from vehicle washing, and other sources carries detergents, chemicals, trash, lawn debris, and other urban pollutants into storm drains.

## Your mobile business can reduce stormwater pollution and protect rivers!

Your mobile business is integral to our community and, like other businesses, you need to properly dispose of business waste products.

Mobile businesses, such as power washers, car detailers, and carpet cleaners can use a lot of water. It is especially important for these businesses to help prevent contaminated by-products from polluting streams, lakes, and groundwater. Following a few simple practices can keep sediment, chemicals, soaps and waste water out of storm drains and ditches and out of our waterways.

## Remember, only rain down the storm drain!

Storm drains lead to nearby waterways or groundwater. Never dispose of anything other than rain water down a storm drain.



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# Carpet Cleaning



## For additional information:

Contact your local jurisdiction for technical assistance and the regulations that apply to your business or visit [www.StormwaterPartners.org](http://www.StormwaterPartners.org) for more tips.

## Simple steps you can take to prevent stormwater pollution....

# ALWAYS

**Always** use cleaning products, detergents and other chemicals as described on their labels and dispose of them properly.

**Why?** Even biodegradable and non-toxic products impact the health of our waterways and the wildlife and humans that depend upon them.



**Always** securely store all materials and equipment in the vehicle during transport.

**Why?** Spills can lead to materials leaking out of vehicle and into roadways and stormdrains.



# ALWAYS

**Always** have spill prevention and spill cleanup supplies on site and easily accessible.

**Why?** When supplies are nearby, spills can be cleaned up in a timely manner, reducing possible pollution.



# DISPOSAL

## How to properly dispose of wash water

### Option #1

With property owner permission dispose wash and rinse water in a sewer cleanout, utility sink, toilet, or other method that goes to sanitary sewer.



### Option #2

Take wash water off site for proper disposal in the sanitary sewer system at your business location.

### Option #3

With property owner permission direct the flow of wash water to a landscaped or vegetated area so that it can soak into the ground.

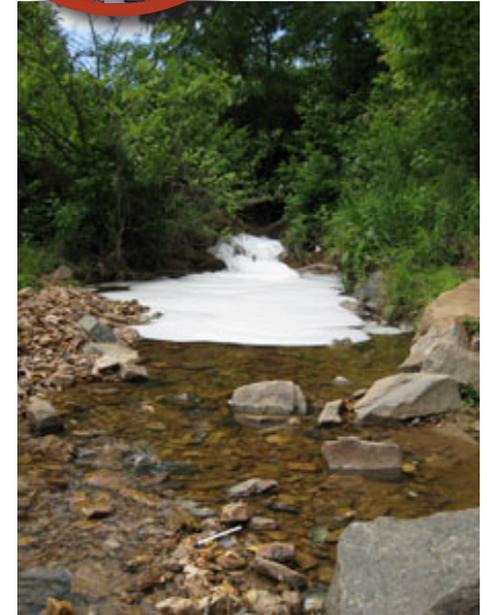
# NEVER

**Never** dispose of wash water into a driveway, street or stormdrains.

**Why?** Stormdrains lead directly to creeks, streams, and rivers with no filtration or treatment.



# NO!



*Soaps, sediment, chemicals and other contaminated runoff pollutes nearby waterways and can harm fish and wildlife. It can even reach groundwater, which is where we get our drinking water.*