



# Vehicle Washing

## Let's All Do Our Part!

**Most residents are concerned about keeping our waterways clean. In fact, surveys conducted across San Diego County show that **more than 50% of residents** believe that pollution of our beaches, lakes, and creeks directly affects them and their families.**

### We're Here To Help.

Vehicles, including boats, RVs and trailers, provide a way for residents to enjoy all that San Diego County has to offer, but when water from washing these vehicles gets into the storm drains, it can cause problems for our waterways. The **City of Escondido's Environmental Programs Division** supports residents in their efforts to prevent pollution by offering these important **tips for preventing vehicle wash water from entering the storm drain.**



**Water that is released to the streets, gutters, and storm drains in San Diego County IS NOT TREATED before it reaches our local creeks, rivers, and the ocean. All sources of pollution, including wash water, is prohibited from leaving your property and entering streets or storm drains. Only rain in the storm drain.**

### What Can You Do To Keep Our Waterways Clean?

- **Use a commercial car wash** whenever possible. Commercial car washes use water recycling systems.
- **Wash your vehicles on a landscaped area** to prevent runoff and allow the ground to filter the water naturally.
- **Use a hose with a shut-off nozzle** to save water.
- **Use soap sparingly** and pour your bucket of soapy water down the sink when you are done and never into the street.

**Thank you for doing your part to protect our waterways.**

*Contact Us For More Information.*

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