

**This a Free
Community
Service Program
Offered by the
City of Gresham**



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**Remember: When You're
Washing Your Car,
You're Not JUST Washing
Your Car...**



**Hosting a Fund-
raising Car Wash?**

Use the "Fish-Friendly" Car Wash
Kit to Protect Our Rivers and
Streams



What is a “Fish-Friendly” Car Wash?

A Fish-Friendly Car Wash means that the group or individual takes precautions so that no soap or dirty water gets released into the storm drains.

Storm drains lead directly to our streams and rivers without treatment.

Dirty car wash water contains soap, dirt and grease that is harmful to fish and other aquatic organisms.

There are three options for fish-friendly car washing:

- 1) Use the Community Car Wash Kit (FREE) from the City of Gresham.
- 2) Wash cars over a grassy area.
- 3) Use a Commercial Car Wash facility (this water is treated).

Who May Use the Community Car Wash Kits?

Any group wishing to host a fund-raising car wash. It is FREE.

It is a violation of city code for non-stormwater discharges to enter the publicly-owned system.

Please help the City protect our water quality by using this program or ask us about other earth-friendly fundraising options.

What is Included in the Kit?

The Kit contains the following:

- A sump pump and attaching hose
- Extension cord and GFCI electrical shock protector
- Spray nozzle for car washing

You Bring:

- Buckets and rags
- Biodegradable/citrus-based soap (phosphate and ammonia free)
- A hose for car washing

ALWAYS:

- Dump buckets onto a grassy area or into a sink or toilet

Car Wash Facts and Best Management Tips

- There are approximately 216 million vehicles in the United States.
- Washing a car at home without a spray nozzle typically uses 119 gallons of water.
- Pollutants from car washing and from parking lot runoff of washwater include: heavy metals, petroleum products, grease, dirt and more.
- Fish thrive in water with pH of 6.5 to 8.0 and are sensitive to ammonia, avoid products that contain ammonia or that are acidic such as chrome & tire cleaners & grease removers unless you are at a commercial car wash facility.
- By using a spray nozzle and washing over a grassy area, you'll conserve water and help filter pollutants before they get into our streams or groundwater.

How Do I Reserve a Kit?

Contact the Program Coordinator at: 503-618-2657. Call at least 5 days ahead. For more information visit:

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