

KNOW BEFORE YOU POWER WASH



WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?

Power washing releases oil, soap, chemicals, metals, and sediment and can send these harmful substances into our waterways. A little pre-planning can help ensure your project does not contaminate our waterways.

DO NOT ALLOW DIRTY WASH WATER TO ENTER THE STORMWATER SYSTEM.

ONLY RAIN DOWN THE DRAIN!



PLAN AHEAD BEFORE YOU SPRAY.

- Prior to washing: Soak up oil and fluids using absorbents like cat litter, sawdust or sand.
- Prior to washing: Sweep up and dispose of loose debris in the trash.
- Look to see where your dirty wash water will drain to, generally the lowest point on the site.
- Never direct wash water or debris to a gutter or storm drain.
- Pressure washing runoff that is cold and free of chemicals may be directed to a lawn or landscaped area for infiltration into soil.
- For any water that is hot or contains chemicals, use a vacuum recovery system, a wet vacuum, containment pad, or small sump pump to collect wash water and pump to a storage container for later disposal in the sanitary sewer.



YOUR ACTIONS PROTECT OUR DRINKING
WATERS, RIVERS, AND STREAMS.