

Clean Water

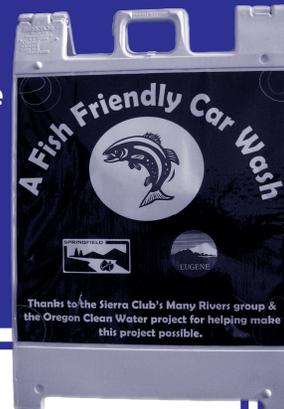
At A Glance

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When you wash your car in a driveway, street, or parking lot the dirty water flows into storm drains and eventually winds up in our rivers and streams. The dirty wash water can carry soaps, gasoline, heavy metals from rust, and motor oil into our waterways where it can be **dangerous to wildlife** and **contaminate drinking water** sources.



Clean Car. Clean Water.

Take your car to a commercial car wash. They use less water than it takes to wash your car at home, recycle the wash water, and discharge the water to the wastewater treatment plant.

If you do wash your car at home: wash it on the lawn or direct washwater to a landscaped area where plants can filter out pollutants, use biodegradable soaps and use all soaps sparingly, use nozzles to decrease water usage **NEVER** wash engines, transmissions, or undercarriages and **DO NOT** use metal brighteners, chemical degreasers or cleaners.

Take your car to a "Fish-Friendly Car Wash" held by local community groups. Community groups have coordinated with the City of Springfield to discharge the wash water to the wastewater treatment plant.

These guidelines should be applied even if cleaning products are labeled "**nontoxic**" or "**biodegradable.**" Although these products may be **less harmful** to the environment, they **still have negative effects on waterways** when they enter the storm drain untreated.

SAY NO! to SOAP!



The River Begins at Your Front Door

Water Pollution Problem Reporting Hotline: (541) 726-3694

