

WASH RIGHT



**KEEP YOUR FLEET VEHICLES &
REDMOND'S WATERWAYS CLEAN**



**Puget Sound
Starts Here**

WASH WATER FROM CLEANING COMMERCIAL VEHICLES & EQUIPMENT CANNOT ENTER:

- ✘ **Storm drains and drainage systems** (anywhere rain water goes)
- ✘ **Surface water** (creeks, lakes, rivers, or other natural waterways)
- ✘ **Groundwater** (onto soil where it sinks into water underground).

STORMWATER IS NOT TREATED

Stormwater is rain water that flows into a storm drain.

- It flows directly to the nearest stream, river or lake.
- It is not treated, meaning no pollutants are removed.
- Soap, oil, washwater or any other polluting substance that enters a storm drain goes directly into the nearest natural waterway.

WHAT'S THE HARM?

Vehicle wash water contains pollutants, such as:

- **Metals** which inhibit a fish's sense of smell, impacting their homing, feeding, and predator avoidance.
- **Fine dust/dirt** which can clog fish gills and smother their eggs.
- **Soaps and cleaners** which destroy fishes' ability to fight off bacteria and parasites, as well as inhibits reproduction.

WHY IS THIS SO IMPORTANT IN REDMOND?

Pollutants in wash water go directly from the storm drain to the environment where they can harm wildlife and contaminate areas used for swimming and recreation. Polluted wash water can also contaminate groundwater, and harm Redmond's drinking water supply.

HOW TO CLEAN THE RIGHT WAY - WITHOUT CAUSING POLLUTION AND VIOLATING CITY REGULATIONS

- ✔ **Use a local carwash.**
- ✔ **Clean your fleet with a waterless washing/cleaning compound.**
- ✔ **Divert wash water to the sanitary sewer.**
- ✔ **Hire a City approved car wash vendor.**
- ✔ **Install a wash rack system.**

REGULATIONS PROHIBIT WASH WATER FROM ENTERING THE ENVIRONMENT.

(Redmond Municipal Code 13.06)

FOR QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL

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