



**KEEP PRESSURE WASHING
WASTEWATER
FROM ENTERING STORM DRAINS**



**Puget Sound
Starts Here** 

POLLUTED PRESSURE WASHING WASTEWATER 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?

Pressure wash wastewater often contains pollutants that can harm the environment and wildlife. Pollutants examples include:

- **Sediment and dirt**
- **Petroleum/oil/grease**
- **Soaps and detergents**
- **Metals**
- **Fecal bacteria**
- **Chemical cleaners**

WHY IS THIS SO IMPORTANT?

Pollutants in pressure washing wastewater go directly from the storm drain to the environment where they can harm wildlife and contaminate areas used for swimming and recreation. Polluted washing 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

- ✔ **For slightly dirty surface (sidewalk, building exterior)** filter the wash wastewater before discharging to a storm drain.
- ✔ **For very dirty or polluted surfaces (parking lots, dumpster areas)** block storm drains and dispose of wash wastewater into sanitary sewer after filtering.
- ✔ **If using corrosives, or other hazardous substances,** block storm drains and recover wastewater for approved hazardous waste disposal.

**REGULATIONS PROHIBIT PRESSURE WASHING WASTEWATER
FROM ENTERING STORM DRAINS. (Redmond Municipal Code 13.06)**

FOR QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL

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