DISCOUNT CARD

Watershed Watch

Protect Our Creeks And Bay

Visit www.MyWatershedWatch.org or call
1-866-WATERSHED for new offers

Use the **Watershed Watch Discount Card** to get discounted car washes at the following locations:

Delta Queen Classic Car Wash:
981 E Hamilton Avenue,
Campbell, CA 95008, (408) 377-2525

Lark Avenue Classic Car Wash:
16500 Lark Avenue,
Los Gatos, CA 95032, (408) 356-2525

Westgate Classic Car Wash:
18560 Prospect Road,
Saratoga, CA 95070, (408) 996-2515

Robertsville Classic Car Wash:
5005 Almaden Expressway,
San Jose, CA 95118, (408) 371-2565

Premier Car Wash:
735 Capitol Expressway Auto Mall,
San Jose, CA 95136, (408) 979-7811

You can download the Watershed Watch Discount Card at www.MyWatershedWatch.org.

If your favorite car wash is not currently participating in the Watershed Watch Discount Card program, ask them to join!

For more information, contact your local storm water program.

Campbell, Los Gatos, Monte Sereno, Saratoga	(408) 354-5385
Cupertino	(408) 777-3354
Los Altos	(650) 947-2770
Los Altos Hills	(650) 941-7222
Milpitas	(408) 586-2605
Mountain View	(650) 903-6378
Palo Alto	(650) 329-2598
San Jose	(408) 945-3000
Santa Clara	(408) 615-3080
Sunnyvale	(408) 730-7260
Unincorporated Santa Clara County	(408) 918-3400

Santa Clara Valley
Urban Runoff
Pollution Prevention Program

A coalition of local government agencies.

Clean Cars & Clean Creeks

How to keep car wash pollution out of local creeks and the Bay!

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Car Washing Can Pollute Local Creeks and the Bay!

Water from washing cars not only contains dirt and soap, but also oil, grease, and metals such as copper, nickel, and zinc. These materials can be toxic to fish, birds, and other wildlife that live in local creeks and in San Francisco Bay.

When you wash your car on your driveway or street, the wash water flows into storm drains and goes straight to local creeks and the Bay **without any treatment**.

Unlike water from sinks, toilets and appliances inside your home *that flows through sewers to a wastewater treatment facility*, water that enters storm drains is not cleaned, filtered or treated to remove pollutants.

Here's What You Can Do

Using a commercial car wash is the best way to protect local creeks and the Bay from pollution. Commercial car washes, including those at gas stations, drain wash water to local wastewater treatment facilities that remove pollutants. Commercial car washes also use less water than you would at home, and often recycle the wash water.

If you must wash your car at home, follow these guidelines:

- Wash your car on a lawn, dirt area, or gravel driveway, so that soapy water will not run into a street or storm drain.
- Use rags to wipe brake dust off of wheels before washing.
- Use a nozzle on your hose to conserve water.
- Avoid using soap and other chemicals (such as spray-on wheel cleaners). Even biodegradable soap can be toxic to wildlife.
- Pour your bucket of soapy water down a sink or toilet or onto landscaping when you are finished.

Alternatives to Traditional Car Wash Fundraisers

Traditional car wash fundraisers can cause water pollution if wash water flows to the storm drain. Here are a few alternatives:

- Contact local commercial car washes for discounted passes that you can sell at a higher price to raise funds.
- Hold the event at a commercial car wash and ask them to donate part of the profits if you help to advertise.
- Partner with a self-serve car wash to host the event at their facility and wash cars for tips.
- Hold a neighborhood or park clean up. Take pledges for the amount of trash collected or area cleaned.

If you still want to hold a traditional car wash fundraiser, here's what you can do:

- Contact your local city to find out if they can loan you a Car Wash Kit or provide guidance on putting one together. These kits help keep wash water out of storm drains.

- Wash cars on a field instead of a parking lot, so soapy water will not run into storm drains, streets or gutters.