

**Car Washes are a great way to raise money for your organization, but doing it yourself can be hard work and risk harming the environment.**

Make money, & protect the fish – use one of our Car Wash kits. Follow the tips listed below and call the city for a stormwater consultation at your site and make sure your car wash site will meet the stormwater guidelines.



Top tips for hosting a fundraising/charity car wash:

- Use only nontoxic, phosphate free or biodegradable soap
- Use a nozzle on hoses to reduce excess water from accumulating
- Find a large grassy area to drive the cars onto/drain water  
Wring sponges and rags into a bucket not onto the ground
- All run-off water from the water source and cars must be either drained into a landscaped area or captured before entering the stormdrain and disposed of in the sanitary sewer system. Please note that if you are washing many cars a landscaped area may not be able to handle the large amount of waste water created and will require the next step.

To dispose of the run-off water in the sanitary sewer system you will need to build or buy a car wash kit to capture and dispose of the water.

Anacortes has car wash kits available for check out for use within the City. Contact the City Maintenance Department at 360 293 1921 to reserve one.

