

IT'S A STORMWATER POLLUTION REVOLUTION!

Responsible Tips for Washing Your Car

Water runoff from washing your own car or holding a car wash fundraiser can collect harmful and toxic chemicals on the roadway. This polluted water flows into the Mojave River and our watershed, the underground basins and aquifers of the High Desert. Ultimately, stormwater pollution impacts our waterways and the water we use in faucets, hoses and for drinking.

We need your help! Residents and community organizations holding fundraisers can play an important role in pollution prevention by following these simple steps:

- 🚗 When you need to wash your car, consider a commercial or do-it-yourself facility, which saves water and keeps our stormwater safe.
- 🚗 If you choose not to use a commercial or do-it-yourself facility, wash your car over a porous surface or a grassy lawn to catch the runoff.
- 🚗 Always keep water runoff on the washing site – do not allow water to flow into the street!
- 🚗 Avoid harsh chemicals and use biodegradable products.
- 🚗 Use a high pressure/low volume hose with a shut-off nozzle.



Always refer to local city or county permitting requirements before getting started.

- County of San Bernardino Public Works – (909) 387-8063
- City of Hesperia – (760) 947-1000
- City of Victorville – (760) 955-5000
- Town of Apple Valley – (760) 240-7000

Bonus Tips for Car Wash Fundraising:

- Only conduct fundraisers at commercial locations with stormwater-safe drainage on site.
- Sell coupons to local commercial wash locations.
- Call MRWG today to schedule a FREE stormwater pollution prevention training for your program directors, student leadership team, etc. (951) 462-1106

Be a good neighbor by adopting these stormwater savvy business practices. Failure to do so could result in violations and fines.

Have more questions about stormwater safe mobile washing? Contact us at www.mojaveriver.org, on Facebook at [MojaveWatershed](https://www.facebook.com/MojaveWatershed), Twitter [@MojaveRiver](https://twitter.com/MojaveRiver), or Pinterest at [Mojave Watershed](https://www.pinterest.com/MojaveWatershed). To report illegal dumping, call **1 (800) 78CRIME** or visit the website to use our digital pollution reporting form.

