Nothing But Rain Down the Storm Drain!

Everything that washes into a storm drain flows untreated to the nearest stream, lake, or wetland. Fertilizers, pesticides, soap, oil, pet waste, and other pollutants wash off lawns and streets and end up in local waterways. By making small changes, you can be the solution to water pollution!

DON'T POLLUTE
NO DUMPING
CITY OF BELLEVUE
DRAINS TO KELSEY CREEK

Clean Water Healthy Community

City of Bellevue
Natural Yard Care 425-452-6932
Car Wash Kits Loaned for Fundraisers 425-452-6166
Report Water Pollution 425-452-7840
Stream Team Volunteers 425-452-5200

Puget Sound Starts Here
www.pugetsoundstartshere.org

Discount Fundraising Car Wash Coupons
www.brownbear.com
www.pscarwash.org

Household Hazardous Waste
Factoria Transfer Station
13800 SE 32nd St.
Call for hours 206-296-4466

You Can Be The Solution to Water Pollution

Take your car to a commercial car wash

About 60 percent of the water at commercial car washes is recycled, and dirty water drains to the sanitary sewer for treatment. When you wash your car at home, soap, oils, and other toxics wash into a storm drain and flow untreated to a stream, lake, or wetland. Even biodegradable soap pollutes water!

Instead of holding a fund-raising car wash, sell car wash coupons, check out a car wash kit from the City of Bellevue (or use a site that has one), or consider other fundraising options.

Have car oil leaks fixed

Motor oil is a problem in local waterways, and it stays around for a long time. To see if your vehicle is leaking, place clean cardboard on the ground under your engine and check the next day. If you change your own motor oil, take the used oil to a business that recycles it.

Scoop the poop, bag it, and put it in the garbage

Pet waste contains harmful bacteria, which can contaminate water and make people sick. Composting or burying pet waste does not destroy the harmful organisms. Do not put pet waste in yard debris carts.

Practice Natural Yard Care

Avoid using pesticides and chemical fertilizers. They wash off lawns and pollute waterways. Prevent problems instead by practicing Natural Yard Care. Enrich soil with compost. Pull weeds or spot spray instead of spreading weed and feed products. Choose a variety of pest and disease-resistant plants and encourage "good" bugs to control pests naturally. If pests persist, use least toxic controls first. Use chemical pesticides sparingly only as a last resort.

Do You Want *Clean Water* in Your Community?

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Making simple choices prevents water pollution

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Everyday activities can lead to water pollution.

When water from irrigation and rain washes over yards and streets, it collects fertilizers, pesticides, soap, oil, pet waste, and other pollutants. The runoff flows into storm drains untreated and ends up polluting the nearest stream, lake, or wetland.

Water used inside–kitchens, bathrooms, laundry areas–drains to the sanitary sewer where it is treated before being released into Puget Sound.

Water outside drains to the nearest storm drain **untreated** and then flows to a stream, lake, or wetland.

For clean water in your community, make these simple choices:

- Take your car to a commercial car wash.
- Have car oil leaks fixed and recycle used motor oil.
- Scoop the poop, bag it, and put it in the garbage.
- Practice Natural Yard Care, and avoid using pesticides and chemical fertilizers.

Remember, it's *illegal* to pollute waterways in Washington State.

Thank you for keeping our shared waters healthy for people, fish, and wildlife.

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