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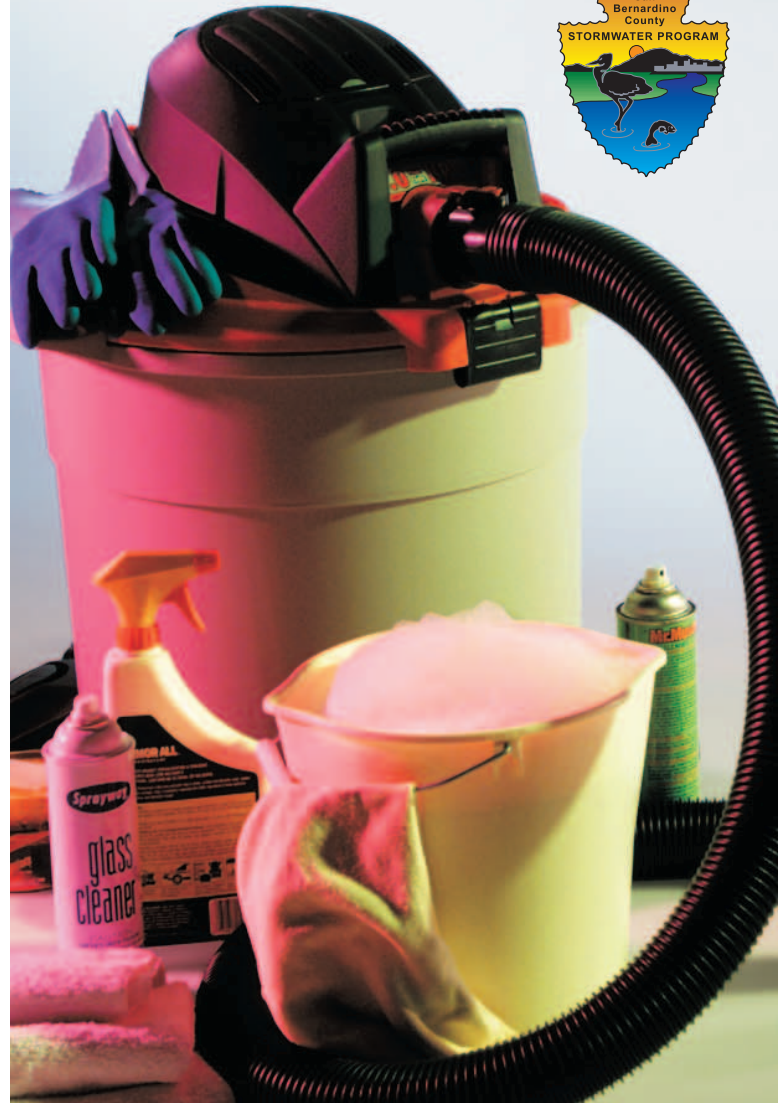
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**S T O R M W A T E R**  
**Pollution**  
**Prevention**

**MOBILE VEHICLE CLEANING**



# Pollution <sup>STORMWATER</sup> Prevention

## Stormwater Management Practices for Mobile Vehicle Cleaning

Pollutants from mobile vehicle cleaning including heavy metals (copper, lead, nickel and zinc), hydrocarbons (oil and grease), toxic chemicals (solvents, chlorinated compounds, glycols), acids and alkalis often make their way into the San Bernardino County storm drain system, and do not get treated before reaching the Santa Ana River. This pollutes our drinking water and contaminates waterways, making them unsafe for people and wildlife. Following these best management practices will prevent pollution, comply with regulations and protect public health.

### Vehicle Cleaning

Wash water (wastewater) should be disposed of correctly and legally. Never discharge or allow wastewater to runoff into the street, gutter or storm drains.

- When washing items not contaminated by hazardous materials wastewater should be discharged to the sanitary sewer with the property owner's permission within sanitary sewer discharge limits or collected and

hauled offsite for proper disposal. Discharges to the sewer should not contain grease, grit, or any material that could clog piping.

- Wash in customers wash bay or pump wastewater to the wash bays' pretreatment system, or
- Wash in a designated area that has been bermed up to contain the wash water.
- Common water control devices are: recycling systems; pretreatment or sewer discharge systems; limited recycling systems; wash pits (portable vinyl wash pads), vacuum sludge filtering systems; wet-dry vacuums, sump pumps; drain covers; portable dams; vacu-brooms; oil absorbent pads, booms, pillows, and tubes; plastic sheeting; filter tubs; buckets; pans; and squeegees.

### Engine Cleaning

When cleaning engines using chemical additives like soaps, solvents or degreasers:

- Service must be performed at a facility that has the equipment to properly process the contaminated wastewater runoff, or
- Service must be performed using a leak-proof ground cover device that will catch and contain all contaminated wastewater runoff for later disposal in a manner that complies with all city, county, state and federal codes.

To report illegal dumping or for more information on stormwater pollution prevention, call:

**1 (800) CLEANUP**

or visit our websites:

[www.co.san-bernardino.ca.us/flood/npdes](http://www.co.san-bernardino.ca.us/flood/npdes)

[www.1800cleanup.org](http://www.1800cleanup.org)

