

Best Management Practices for

Community Fundraisers



Protect the environment while raising money for your organization!

When you wash a car, the water you use becomes contaminated with dirt, soaps, metals, oils, and greases. To protect our local waterways from pollution, Contra Costa County prohibits allowing that wash water from entering the storm drain system because storm drains direct water, uncleaned and untreated, to local creeks, streams and the bay.

Instead of allowing it to go into a storm drain, you need to make sure the car wash water goes into the sewer or to a landscaped area.



How to Prevent Water Pollution While Conducting Car Washes

Within the Central Contra Costa Sanitary District service area (see map on reverse), car wash water may be diverted to the sanitary sewer under the District's Source Control Ordinance, Title 10, Section 10. 12 .130.






***Please Note:** Community Car Wash Fundraisers are prohibited in the City of San Ramon

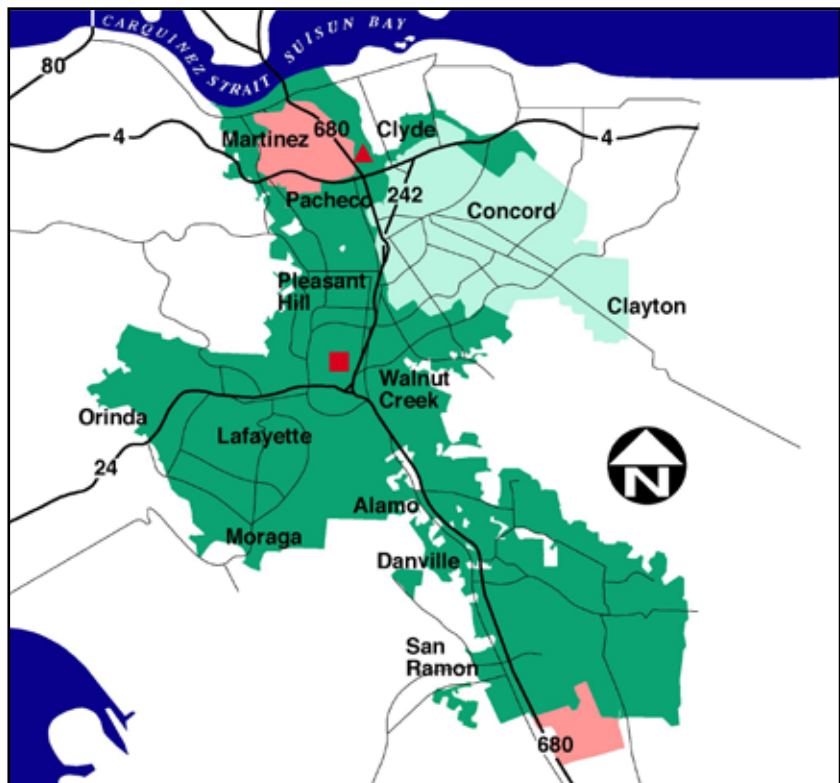


No permit is required for these sanitary sewer discharges; just follow these steps to keep car wash participants safe and protect the sewer system:

- Never discharge car wash water to a sewer manhole (sewer clean-outs and floor drains are ok).
- Sweep the wash area before conducting the car wash to remove large debris and trash.
- Contain wash water to a small area using berms and drain plugs when necessary.
- Do not allow car wash water to enter a storm drain.
- Do not allow rags, towels or sponges to enter the sewer.
- Use nontoxic soap to wash vehicles (check the label for warnings).
- Do not use solvents, acids or degreasers.

Car washing kits that enable water to be diverted to the sewer or landscaped areas, are available free of charge through the Contra Costa Clean Water Program (www.cccleanwater.org/resources/materials). Pickup locations vary depending on your city. Call (925) 313-2360 to reserve your kit.

	Wastewater collection and treatment and HHW collection for 451,900 people
	Wastewater treatment and HHW collection for 134,560 residents in Concord and Clayton by contract
	HHW collection service only
	CCCSD's Headquarters Office Building, treatment plant, and HHW Collection Facility located in Martinez
	CCCSD's Collection System Operations Department (sewer maintenance) located in Walnut Creek



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