Time for a Car Wash? Keep the Suds Off the Streets!

When you wash your car in the driveway, the soap, dirt, oil and other pollutants end up in storm drains and ultimately in our lakes, rivers and Puget Sound. To protect our waterways:

- Wash your car on the lawn, where water can soak into the ground.

or

- Use a commercial car wash, where water flows into the sanitary sewer system and is treated before it enters local waterways.

When it comes to helping keep Puget Sound clean, each fish-friendly car wash makes a difference.

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Top 5 Simple Summertime Tips for a Healthier Lawn:

- Mow high – Leave grass 2-3 inches tall to retain moisture.
- Mulch mow – Spread clippings on the lawn to feed your lawn naturally.
- Test your soil pH – If soil is acidic (pH below 6.0), add lime according to the instructions on the package. This helps balance pH and discourage moss.
- Water deeply – Limit watering to 1 inch a week for a green lawn. If soil is compacted, aerate to help the water soak in.
- Avoid weed-and-feed – This spreads chemicals all over. Instead, crowd out weeds by growing a dense, healthy lawn.

Don’t forget – Use TAGRO Premium Soil Products. Your garden will thank you! TAGRO.org • (253) 502-2150

Looking for safe, natural yard care solutions?
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Got Oversized Garbage? Give Us a Call and We’ll Haul!

If you have large useless items that won't fit in your regular garbage container, take advantage of the City of Tacoma's Call-2-Haul program.

Single-family residential customers: You can schedule curbside or self-haul bulk disposal service twice a year at no additional charge as part of your regular Solid Waste services.

Business and multifamily customers: You can arrange pickup for oversized garbage for a fee. A single pickup is $75 and a double is $150.

For each pickup, you’re allowed:
- Up to three large items, and/or
- Up to 15 lightweight boxes or bags of small items

For details about Call-2-Haul and what’s accepted, see cityoftacoma.org/call2haul. Call (253) 573-2468 with questions or to arrange for service. Prices subject to change.
Keep Wipes Out of the Pipes!

Many products marketed as disposable and/or flushable don’t break up like toilet paper. They can clog pipes and sewer system pumps and cause messy – and expensive – sewer backups.

What NOT to flush:
• Wipes of any kind (even those described as “flushable”)
• Diapers (cloth, disposable, “flushable” liners)
• Paper towels
• Feminine hygiene products
• Facial tissue
• Pet waste bags

Please remember that only toilet paper and human or pet waste should go down the toilet. Place other items in the trash.

Find out more about what not to flush: Cityoftacoma.org/flushable

Wipes clog residents’ pipes and Tacoma’s wastewater system