



# Gwinnett County

## Department of Water Resources

### Car washing in Grayson

Washing our cars is a summer ritual that many of us like to partake in as the weather improves. In the city of Grayson, we want to make sure that this summer activity doesn't have a negative impact on our valuable water resources. Washing a car produces a stream of wastewater containing soap, motor oil, metals, and other debris that can flow with the runoff into storm drains. Storm drains lead directly into creeks, lakes, and streams where these pollutants can then harm the quality of water. If you wash your car where the dirty water does not reach a storm drain or has the chance to soak into the ground, you should be able to prevent this stormwater pollution.

If your driveway does slope towards a storm drain or a drainage ditch, the best way to prevent pollutants from harming our environment is to visit your local car wash station. Water used at car washes is recycled and directed into the sanitary sewer system rather than into the environment. You can also empty your wash buckets in toilets or sinks instead of the ground to ensure that none of the harmful pollutants from your car wash will end up in lakes or streams.

By using these tips in your car washing regimen, you can create a big difference in keeping the Grayson environment vibrant and healthy!

