

Clean Car, Clean Streams

As Grayson residents, we do our part to keep our community clean. An often-overlooked aspect of protecting our waterways is being mindful of how we wash our vehicles. If soapy water, along with the oil, grease, and dirt washed off the car, is allowed to flow into a storm drain, it can lead to water pollution. This can also be a violation of the city's Illicit Discharge and Illegal Connection Ordinance.

Stormwater drains are separate from the sewer system, meaning stormwater is not treated before re-entering the environment. Stormwater is directed through underground pipes into the nearest waterway. To avoid polluting stormwater and set a good example in your neighborhood, consider washing your car over grass or gravel, where wash water can soak into the ground rather than running off into a storm drain. If you don't have a good spot on your yard, you can use waterless car wash solutions that eliminate contaminated runoff. Another option is to use a commercial car wash. These businesses are required to collect and recycle wash water, helping to prevent polluted runoff and conserve water resources.

By using these tips to keep your car clean, you can make a positive difference in the quality of Grayson's waterways!

If you see vehicle wash water draining to a storm drain, or anything being discharged into a storm drain, you can report it to Grayson's stormwater partners, Gwinnett Water Resources, at 678.376.7000.

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