

# An Introduction to Car Wash Fundraisers for Healthy Watersheds

## THE ISSUE:

Car wash wastewater contains many harmful pollutants and often flows untreated into storm drains that then empty into nearby streams and lakes.

## Remember:

It is a violation of city code to discharge anything but rain water into the storm sewer system.



## WHAT'S THE IMPACT?

Detergents, oils, rust, engine grime, and degreasers from car washes pose a significant danger to fish and aquatic habitat.

Even very low concentrations can damage the protective coating and gills of fish. Higher concentrations can damage fish eggs and result in death for many aquatic organisms.

## WHAT CAN YOU DO?

1. Reserve a **FREE** watershed-friendly car wash kit from the City of Central Point Water Quality Program.
2. Use biodegradable soap - phosphate and ammonia free.
3. Use a spray nozzle to conserve water.

Make sure to reserve your kit at least five days in advance.

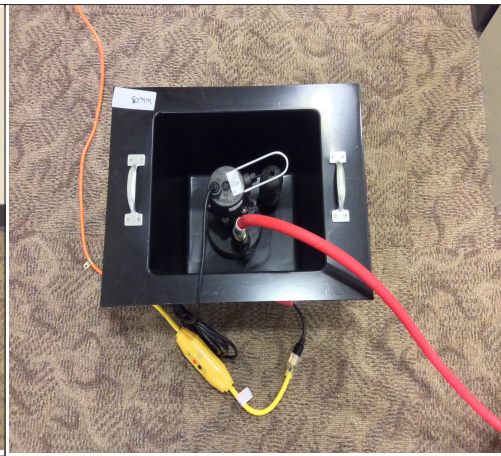
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Things you can do for water.



# Car Wash Kit Instructions:

## WHAT'S INCLUDED IN THE KIT?

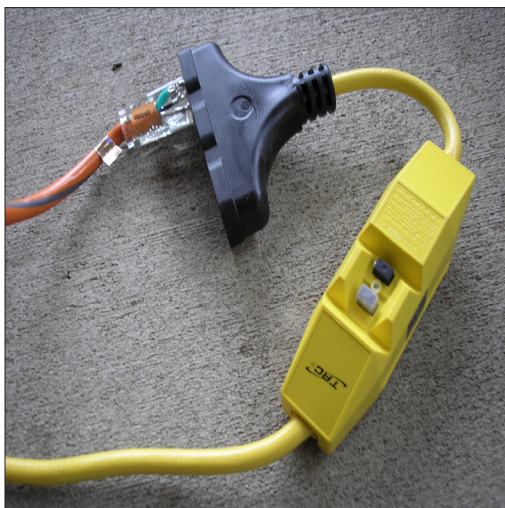
- Nylon Storage Bag
- Sump Pump
- 100' extension cord
- 100' garden hose
- Electrical surge protector
- 2 orange safety cones
- Yellow catch basin hook
- 2 bungee cords

## TIPS TO REMEMBER:

- The garden hose connection only needs to be snug. Applying too much force will strip the adapter and cause it to leak
- Please conserve water by using the enclosed spray nozzle
- Rinse buckets and sponges over a sink or grassy area

## PUTTING THE KIT AWAY:

1. Unplug surge protector from the power outlet
2. Unplug extension cord from surge protector
3. Remove sump pump unit from catch basin
4. Unplug sump pump from extension cord
5. Detach garden hose, roll up, and secure with orange bungee cords
6. Roll up extension cord and secure with red bungee cords
7. Place all items back in storage tub
8. Return kit to Public Works Department at City Hall during normal business hours (541-664-7602).



1. Attach garden hose to sump pump.
2. Plug sump pump power cord into orange extension cord.
3. Plug extension cord into yellow surge protector.
4. Plug surge protector into power outlet.
5. Place safety cones near catch basin.
6. Using the blue hook tool, slide the catch basin grate off and set aside.
7. Carefully lower sump pump assembly into catch basin until it reaches the bottom.
8. Recover the grate - Do not pinch the extension cord or hose.
9. Extend the hose from the sump pump to the designated grassy area or sanitary drain. As the catch basin fills, wash water will be pumped out.