

Wash your car  
clean and keep  
Dupont green at  
the same time!

A storm drain is an entrance to a system that collects and carries water from streets and parking lots, and discharges it, untreated, into our lakes, streams, wetlands, rivers and Puget Sound.



#### Storm Drain Identification

The City of DuPont has identified numerous storm drains around the city with markers to remind the community to help keep our water clean.



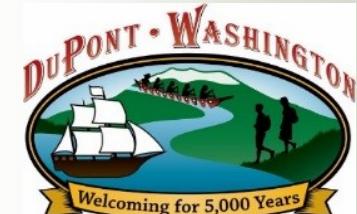
#### Report Violators

If you suspect a spill or see someone pouring waste down a storm drain, call the City of DuPont Public Works hotline at (253) 912-5380 (Mon.-Fri. 8am-5pm). After hours, holidays, and weekends call 911.



#### CITY OF DUPONT

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## CAR WASHING



**The car is clean, but  
what about the  
water?**

## When You Wash Your Car at Home, Where Does Soapy Water Go?

Water rinsed off a car contains a mixture of detergents, oils, and heavy metals that flow onto the street, into streams, and Puget Sound untreated. There are two types of pollutants generated by car washing on paved areas: 1) pollution associated with the use of soap, and 2) automobile-related pollutants that bind with the soap.



### Eco-Friendly Home Car Wash



If you wash your car at home...

- Wash it on the lawn or gravel where water can soak into and get filtered by the soil.
- Use a hose with an adjustable nozzle.
- "Biodegradable" only means that the soap will break down over time. It is preferable to use a biodegradable soap, but it doesn't guarantee it is better for plants, animals, and the environment.
- Look for soaps that are:
  - \*Non-toxic
  - \*Biodegradable
  - \*Phosphate-free
  - \*Vegetable or citrus-based
- Avoid soaps with label reading Caution, Danger, or Warning.
- After washing, dispose of the bucket contents into the sewer system, such as toilets and sinks.

### Local Car Washes



#### Chevron Car Wash

1275 Center Drive  
DuPont, WA 98327  
253-964-2542

#### Elephant Car Wash

Open 24 Hours  
9105 Martin Way E  
Lacey, WA 98516  
360-455-3246

#### Shur-Kleen Car Wash

Liggett Ave  
JBLM, WA 98433  
253-964-5252

#### Commercial Car Wash

Using a self-serve wash bay or a commercial car wash helps keep our waters clean. Ask if they use cleaning solutions that are biodegradable and contain no phosphates.