



TOWN OF ASHLAND
101 THOMPSON STREET / P.O. BOX 1600
ASHLAND, VIRGINIA 23005

Car Wash Application

Contact Jenny Schöntag at 804-752-6875

Name of Group/Business: _____

Contact Person: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

One Time Event. Date/Time: _____

Recurring Event. Days/Times: _____

(For example, "First Friday of month, 8:00 a.m. to Noon")

Location: address, description, attach map if requested by Town staff¹: _____

If using Wash Water Collection System, describe: _____

Cleaning Products to be Used²: _____

¹Allowed Locations for Vehicle Washing, and Other Requirements

- Commercial car wash where wastewater is properly treated.
- Area designed for vehicle washing where the water is discharged to the sanitary sewer system for treatment.
- Collect wash water for proper disposal (in sanitary sewer or recycled) later.
- **Other areas to be approved by Town Staff:** Areas that discharge to gravel, grass, or other permeable surfaces that allows water to infiltrate (no discharge of wash water from the site, no discharge to storm drains).
- Use hoses with nozzles that automatically turn off when left unattended.
- Spills of wash water, cleaning products or other fluids should be immediately contained and treated or removed.

²Cleaning Products

- Use products labeled "non-toxic," "phosphate free," and "biodegradable." These products can be purchased at most large retail outlets. Note that even biodegradable and nontoxic soaps can be harmful to aquatic life and water quality, and must be kept out of the storm drain system.
- Do not use acid-based wheel cleaners or engine degreasers unless the waste can be properly disposed of.
- Reduce the amount of soap used by using a bucket of soapy water to re-soap rags or sponges rather than adding more soap directly to rags or sponges.

For Town of Ashland Use

Approved By: _____
(name and title of approving authority)

Date: _____

Vehicle Washing Guidelines
Phase II (MS4) Stormwater Program
Town of Ashland

Water from vehicle washing can make its way across a hard surfaced parking lot and enter the storm drainage system. From there, wash water may enter our creeks and streams potentially harming fish and other aquatic life, and make its way to rivers and, eventually, the Chesapeake Bay. Water from vehicle washing may contain contaminants such as nutrients and hydrocarbons and should not discharge to the storm drainage system, creeks or streams.

According to State Regulations and the Town of Ashland's Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS-4) Management Program Ordinance, only individual residents washing cars may discharge wash water to storm sewers (although it is discouraged). All others discharging from vehicle washing activities to storm sewer are in violation of the Town ordinance unless a permit has been issued.

Allowed Locations for Vehicle Washing

The following are recommendations for anyone washing vehicles:

- Use a commercial car wash where wastewater is properly treated.
- Wash vehicles in an area designed for vehicle washing where the water is discharged to the sanitary sewer system for treatment.
- Collect wash water for proper disposal later.
- **Other locations to be approved by Town Staff:** Area that discharges to gravel, grass, or other permeable surfaces that allows water to infiltrate (no discharge of wash water from the site, no discharge to storm drains).
- Use hoses with nozzles that automatically turn off when left unattended.
- Spills of wash water, cleaning products or other fluids should be immediately contained and treated or removed.

Cleaning Products

- Use products labeled "non-toxic," "phosphate free," and "biodegradable," such as Turtle Wax Zip Wax Car Wash and Wax, or G Wash. These products can be purchased Wal-Mart, AutoZone, Advance Auto, ACE Hardware and other retail outlets. Note that even biodegradable and nontoxic soaps can be harmful to aquatic life and water quality, and must be kept out of the storm drain system.
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