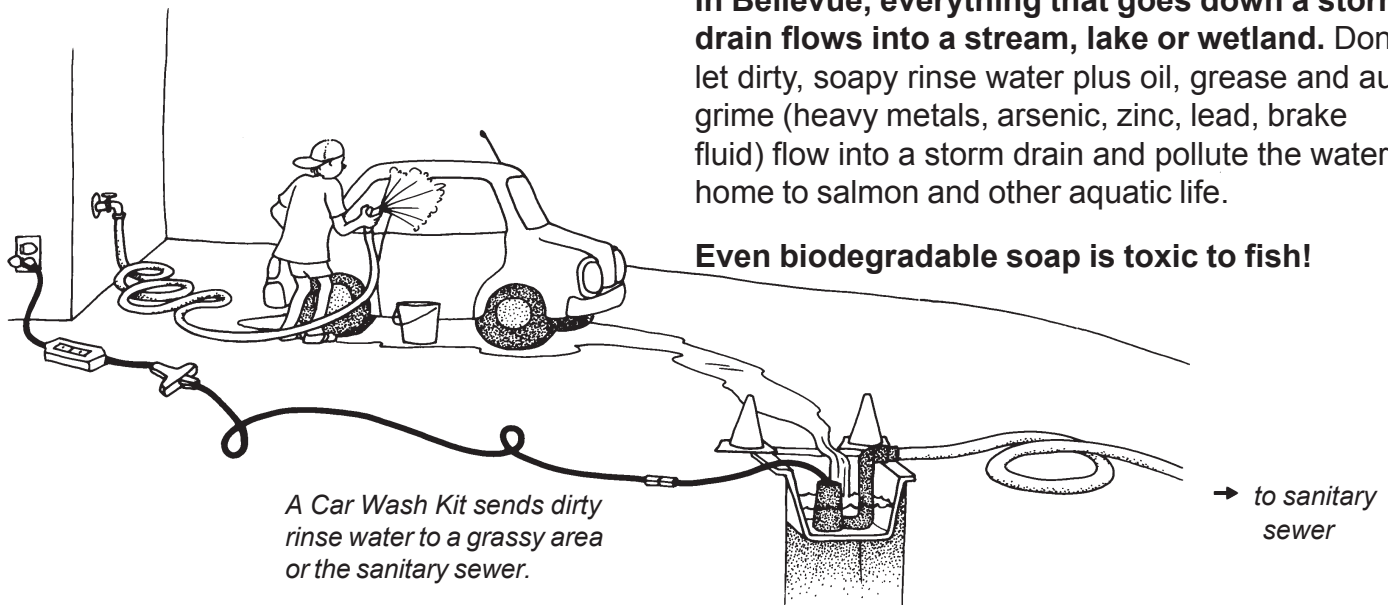


Make your car washing fundraiser... fish friendly & legal!

In Bellevue, everything that goes down a storm drain flows into a stream, lake or wetland. Don't let dirty, soapy rinse water plus oil, grease and auto grime (heavy metals, arsenic, zinc, lead, brake fluid) flow into a storm drain and pollute the water--home to salmon and other aquatic life.

Even biodegradable soap is toxic to fish!



The average six-hour charity car wash generates 3,600 gallons of soapy, contaminated, rinse water. That's enough water to fill ten 6-person hot tubs or 180 bath tubs! Sending all that dirty water down the storm drain is not only harmful to aquatic life, **it is a violation of local, state, and federal pollution laws.**



Fish-Friendly Options for Holding a Car Wash



- **The most fish-friendly option is to NOT to hold a car wash, but to sell tickets for car washes.** The Puget Sound Car Wash Association partners with community groups to offer tickets redeemable at professional car washes throughout the Puget Sound area. Charity car wash tickets are sold to you for \$2 each, so your group makes a **nice profit** if you sell them for \$8 or \$10. At participating commercial car washes, dirty rinse water goes into the sanitary sewer. See www.bakeco.com and click on Order Form Car Wash Tickets for further details or call PSCWA at 1-800-509-WASH (9274) for more information.
- **If you decide to have your own car wash fundraiser, you must use a Car Wash Kit or your event will be shut down.** You can either check out a Car Wash Kit from the City of Bellevue free of charge or hold your car wash at a service station that has one permanently on-site.

A Car Wash Kit includes a small basin that fits into the storm drain and a pump and hose that transport the water to a drain connected to the sanitary sewer (where it goes to a wastewater treatment facility) or to a grassy area (where soap soaks into the ground).

Please call Karren Gratt at 425-452-6166
or email kgratt@bellevuewa.gov to check out a kit.
Call if you have questions about car washing.

