

CLEAN CAR CARE

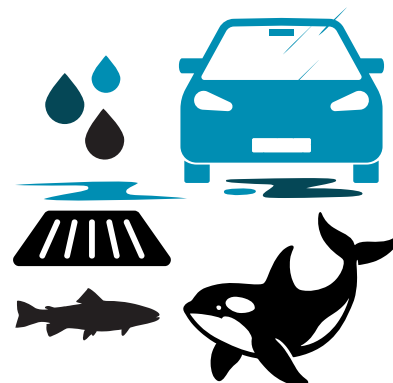
QUICK GUIDE TO HELP KEEP WATER CLEAN

Puget Sound
Starts Here

When it rains, pollution from cars wash into storm drains, and then straight into local streams, lakes, rivers, and Puget Sound.

Pollutants like oil, car wash soaps and chemicals, and bits of tire dust are bad for water quality. Pollution harms people and wildlife, salmon and orcas. We all depend on clean water to survive.

Maintaining your vehicle helps protect our environment:



MAINTAIN YOUR TIRES



SAVE MONEY! Taking care of your tires reduces wear and prevents pollution.

As we drive, tires wear down, leaving tiny bits of tire on our roads. Chemicals in those tire bits (6PPD-q) are toxic to fish.

Simple maintenance extends the life of your tires and saves you money. It can even help save salmon.

Check tire pressure monthly and add air ASAP if needed. Get tire alignment checked and rotate tires according to the manufacturer's instructions.

KEEP TIRES PROPERLY INFLATED



DON'T WAIT TO INFLATE! Check your tire pressure monthly and add air ASAP if needed.

Don't wait for a tire to be visibly low, tire alert symbol, or the next routine service.

Find the recommended tire pressure in the owner's manual or driver's side door.

Use your own tire pressure gauge or one at a gas station air pump.

DontWaitToInflate.org

GO TO A CAR WASH



WASH RIGHT! If you wash your car on the street or in your driveway, dirty water runs down the street and into the storm drain.

Car rinse water has pollutants like oil, grease, heavy metals, and soaps.

Commercial car washes are required to treat their dirty wash water.

If a commercial car wash is not an option, wash your car on a grassy area that can soak up the wash water.

FIX LEAKS



DON'T DRIP & DRIVE! Check for leaks regularly and get them fixed promptly.

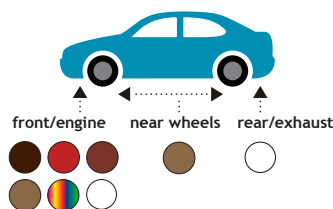
Even a small oil leak can have a big impact on your car and Puget Sound.

Every drop on your driveway means a shorter lifespan for your car.

Plus, oil and other petroleum products are toxic to people, wildlife, and plants.

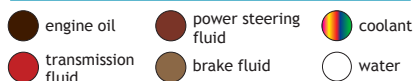
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WATCH FOR DRIPS



DON'T DRIP & DRIVE! Check for leaks regularly and get them fixed promptly.

Use ground cloths or drip pans if you find a leak or are doing engine work. Clean up spills immediately with sand or kitty litter.



RECYCLE DIRTY OIL



1-800-RECYCLE
(1-800-732-9253)

1800recycle.wa.gov

KEEP OIL OUT OF STORM DRAINS! Always dispose of used motor oil by bringing it to your local auto shop or recycler.

Call or visit 1-800-RECYCLE for a location near you.

You can find local recyclers for used motor oil, filters, old tires, and even leftover paint.

Remember, what goes down storm drains washes straight into local streams!



Thank you! Learn more at PugetSoundStartsHere.org

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