

 SURFACE	 CLEANING METHOD	 DISPOSAL OPTION
Sidewalks, plazas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Block storm drains Dry cleanup Clean without soap 	Sanitary sewer (Option 2)
Parking areas, driveways, drive throughs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Block storm drains Use absorbents to pick up oil, then dry sweep Clean without soap 	Sanitary sewer (Option 2)
Restaurant/food handling, dumpster areas, grease storage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Block storm drains Dry cleanup If water must be used after dry cleanup, block storm drains and clean without soap 	Sanitary sewer (Option 2)
Building surfaces, decks, etc. without loose paint	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Block storm drains Use high-pressure water, no soap 	Sanitary sewer (Option 2)
Unpainted building surfaces, wood decks etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Block storm drains Use soap or acid wash to remove deposits, wood restorer, or other chemicals 	Sanitary sewer (Option 2) pH less than 6 or greater than 10: Hazardous waste hauler
Painted surfaces being cleaned to remove paint	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Block storm drains Dry cleanup 	Sanitary sewer (Option 2), or Hazardous waste hauler
Graffiti removal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Block storm drains Wet sand-blast 	Sanitary sewer (Option 2), or Hazardous waste hauler
Vehicle Washing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Block storm drains Collect wash water for disposal 	Sanitary sewer (Option 2), or Licensed waste hauler (Option 3)

Sanitary Sewer vs. Storm Drains

The sanitary sewer system collects and treats wastewater from homes and businesses before discharging flows into local waterways. The storm drain system collects rainwater from urban areas and flows entering this system ARE NOT treated prior to release into local waterways. Consequently, pollutants entering these pipes flow directly into the environment, causing harm to local wildlife and impacting public health.

What is Hazardous Waste?

Hazardous waste is a solid or liquid that because of characteristics; such as, flammability (e.g. solvents), corrosivity (e.g. acids and bases), reactivity (e.g. explosives) or toxicity (e.g. metals and pesticides), can be hazardous to human health or the environment. The lab methods and concentration levels used to determine if a waste is hazardous are specified in Title 22, Division 4.5, of the California Code of Regulations.

PRESSURE WASHERS BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

Stormwater Management Program

In accordance with State and Federal law, City of West Sacramento's stormwater drainage system is permitted for discharges to our local waterways. To comply with this State permit, and to protect water quality in our local creeks, the City has developed a program to address discharges made to the stormwater drainage system from industrial and commercial businesses. This program includes general outreach as well as compliance inspections at local facilities.

This fact sheet identifies typical activities conducted by pressure washers and the associated pollutant discharges. Structural and operational Best Management Practices (BMPs) to prevent these illicit discharges are also described. This fact sheet can help you prepare for a City inspection as the activities and BMPs listed herein are integral to these inspections. This fact sheet may also be used to train your employees. The City recommends distributing copies of this fact sheet to your employees and/or posting a copy in a prominent place of your facility.



BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES CHECKLIST

Implementation of Best Management Practices (BMPs) can reduce or eliminate pollutant discharges from pressure washers to the stormwater drainage system.

General

- Seal storm drains and inlets.
- Sweep area to remove trash and debris prior to conducting washing activities. Dispose of solids as trash.
- Wash without soaps or solvents when possible.
- Minimize water use and contain and collect all spent wash water and dispose as wastewater.

Surface Washing

- Clean any excess oil with dry absorbent and dispose as trash.
- Wash water may be filtered to remove pollutants such as waste oil or suspended solids prior to disposal. This practice also reduces pollutant deposition on surfaces adjacent to the washing activities.
- If non-hazardous paint chips are present in the effluent, filter wash water and dispose of paint solids and filters as trash.
- If soap is not used and no pollutants are visible in the discharge, residual rinse water may evaporate in place
- Inspect surfaces when dry and sweep up any remaining contaminants after wash water is collected.

Employee Training

- Establish a regular training schedule to train all new employees and conduct annual refresher training, whenever possible.

Waterless Spill Control & Clean Up

- Place an adequate supply of spill clean-up materials where they can be easily accessed throughout your facility.
- Clean leaks, drips, and other spills with as little water as possible. Use rags for small spills, a damp mop for general cleanup, and dry absorbent material for larger spills.
- Clean up spills promptly. Contain spills so that they do not leave a facility's property nor enter a storm drain inlet.

Waste Disposal Options

Wastewater generated by surface washing activities may not be discharged to the City's stormwater drainage system. Spent wash water may be discharged to the sanitary sewer, disposed of by a waste hauler, or infiltrated into the ground. These disposal options are further described below.

Option 1: Eliminate Onsite Washing

- Discontinue onsite washing all together. Move activity off site to a location where spent wash water can be disposed of properly.

Option 2: Discharge Wastewater to The Sanitary Sewer

Wastewater discharges must comply with the following conditions if disposed to the sanitary sewer:

- Obtain a discharge permit by contacting Regional San at (916) 875-6470 or wscs@sacsewer.com
- Discharge wastewater to a permitted sewer connection.
- Temperatures must be less than 140°F (60°C)
- The pH must be between 6.0 and 10.0. Dilution is not permitted.

Discharges should not include:

- Pollutants that may create a fire or explosion hazard (e.g. gasoline or diesel fuel).
- Solid or viscous pollutants in amounts enough to cause obstruction or blockage of flow.
- Petroleum oil, non-biodegradable cutting oil, or other products of mineral oil origin.
- Oil based paint.
- Significant concentrations of heavy metals.

- When washing at a fixed location, a wash rack that includes a sand oil separator or a full-capture wastewater collection system may also be installed. This treats wastewater prior to disposal.
- Filter wastewater if debris, fibers, or other suspended solids are present.
- No wastewater shall be discharged into any publicly-owned sewer manholes without prior authorization from the City.
- Wastewater must comply with local sewer discharge limits and requirements (WSMC 13.09).
- Maintain a logbook of all discharges.

Option 3: Disposal of Wastewater by a Licensed Waste Hauler

- Collect and dispose of wastewater to a Collect and dispose of wastewater to a permitted septage receiving facility.
- When wastewater meets any of the following criteria, a hazardous waste hauler must transport and dispose of it.
 - Is corrosive (pH less than 5.5) or caustic (pH greater than 10.0).
 - Contains a pollutant that may create a fire or explosion hazard (e.g. gasoline or diesel fuel).
 - Contains petroleum oil, non-biodegradable cutting oil, or other products of mineral oil origin.
 - Contains other wastes in hazardous concentrations.

Option 4: Discharge Wastewater to a Porous Surface

- Minimal amounts of spent wash water may be allowed to infiltrate into a landscaped or gravel area provided the following conditions are met:
 - Consent to discharge on site is obtained from the property owner.
 - Discharges do not contain hazardous constituents.
 - Area receiving discharge does not overflow.
 - Discharges do not result in nuisance conditions.
 - Discharges do not contaminate groundwater or cause other environmental damage.