

**Why is proper  
treatment important?**

Vehicle wash water often contains detergents, oil, grease, nutrients, and toxic metals.

This has a potential to add additional nutrients and harmful chemicals to streams & rivers.

Left untreated, the polluted discharges can not only affect the aquatic life in waterways, but could eventually affect drinking water supplies.

The Water you are protecting, could be your own.



**STORM DRAIN MARKERS REMIND US  
STORM WATER RUNOFF  
GOES DIRECTLY TO STREAMS**

You may think that a little bit of soapy water draining to a large river can't hurt anything. But ....

*Every Little Bit Hurts*

And your little bit of effort.....

*Can Help*



**For more Information:**

[www.cityofbelpre.com](http://www.cityofbelpre.com)  
Public Works Dept., Storm Water Runoff

*or call*

Washington Soil and Water  
Conservation District  
740-885-3312

**CITY OF  
BELPRE**



**Car Washing  
Guidelines  
for  
Residents & Businesses**

Tel: 740-423-7592  
Fax: 740-423-4967

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 **Just some facts .....**

- **Storm Drains do not drain to the Waste Water Treatment Plant.**
- **Storm Drains flow untreated to the Ohio River, Congress Run, Davis Creek and other unnamed small streams in the City of Belpre.**
- **The City of Belpre is under a mandate by the Ohio EPA to stop pollution from entering storm drains.**
- **Belpre's Codified Ordinance Part 13 Title One Chapter 1337.02 (c) Discharge Prohibitions (1) A.**  
No person shall discharge or cause to be discharged into the municipal storm drain system or watercourses any materials, including but not limited to pollutants or waters containing any pollutants that cause or contribute to a violation of applicable water quality standards, other than storm water.
- **Allowable discharges to storm drains: Ordinance Part 13 Title One Chapter 1337.02 (c) (1) (C)** Waterline Flushing; Landscape Irrigation; Diverted Stream Flows; Rising Ground Waters; Uncontaminated Filtration or Pumped Ground Water; Potable Water; Foundation Drains; Air Condition Condensation; Irrigation Water; Springs; Crawl Space Pump Water; Footing Drains; Lawn Watering; Individual Residential Car Washing; Riparian Habitat & Wetland Flow; Dechlorinated Swimming Pool Discharges; Street Wash Water; Fire Fighting Activity Discharges or Flows.

## Vehicle & Equipment Washing

### Residential

- Acceptable discharge to grassy areas to promote infiltration.
- Meant for the occasional car washing at home by car owners.
- Consider turning off water when not in use.
- Use phosphate free & other environmental friendly cleaners.



### Commercial

- Acceptable where runoff goes to a municipal wastewater treatment plant, or some other treatment system.
- Meant for Businesses and Government Agencies.

### Charity Car Washes

- Charity Car Washes are considered a commercial venture.
- Acceptable where the water is collected & treated.

### Avoid Fines

- Use a commercial car wash.
- Contact the Belpre WWTP for information on disposal to the municipal wastewater plant on a temporary or permanent basis. 740-463-6485
- Consider a Charity Car Wash at a commercial car wash.  
Two have been contacted in Belpre and are willing to work with charity car washes on this venture.

They are:

Main Street Car Wash	309 Main St.	Bob Rauch	740-525-7736
Farson Street Car Wash	711 Farson St.	Bob Rauch	740-525-7736