



Use the **Watershed Watch Discount Card** to get discounted car washes at the following locations:

Delta Queen Classic Car Wash:

981 E Hamilton Avenue, Campbell, CA 95008
(408) 377-2525

Lark Avenue Classic Car Wash:

16500 Lark Avenue, Los Gatos, CA 95032
(408) 356-2525

Westgate Classic Car Wash:

18560 Prospect Road, Saratoga, CA 95070
(408) 996-2515

Robertsville Classic Car Wash:

5005 Almaden Expwy, San Jose, CA 95118
(408) 371-2565

Premier Car Wash:

735 Capitol Expwy Auto Mall, San Jose, CA 95136
(408) 979-7811

Pacific Car Wash:

1667 South Bascom Avenue, Campbell, CA 95008
(408) 371-6660

Sunnyvale Car Spa, Inc.:

1097 E. Duane Avenue, Sunnyvale, CA 94085
(408) 736-9664

Sunnyvale Carwash & Detail:

905 E. El Camino Real, Sunnyvale, CA 94087
(408) 245-1035

You can download the Watershed Watch Discount Card at www.MyWatershedWatch.org



For more information, contact your local storm water program.

Campbell, Los Gatos,	(408) 354-5385
Monte Sereno, Saratoga	
Cupertino	(408) 777-3354
Los Altos	(650) 947-2770
Los Altos Hills	(650) 941-7222
Milpitas	(408) 586-2605
Mountain View	(650) 903-6378
Palo Alto	(650) 329-2122
San José	(408) 945-3000
Santa Clara	(408) 615-5580
Sunnyvale	(408) 730-7717
Unincorporated Santa Clara County	(408) 918-4600

If your favorite car wash is not currently participating in the Watershed Watch Discount Card program, ask them to join!



A coalition of local government agencies.

Clean Cars & Clean Creeks

How to keep car wash pollution out of local creeks and the Bay!



1-866-WATERSHED
www.MyWatershedWatch.org

Car Washing Can Pollute Local Creeks and the Bay!

Water from washing cars not only contains dirt and soap, but also oil, grease, and metals such as copper, nickel, and zinc. These materials can be toxic to fish, birds, and other wildlife that live in local creeks and in San Francisco Bay.

When you wash your car on your driveway or street, the wash water flows into storm drains and goes straight to local creeks and the Bay **without any treatment**.



Unlike water from sinks, toilets and appliances inside your home *that flows through sewers to a wastewater treatment facility*, water that enters storm drains is not cleaned, filtered or treated to remove pollutants.

Here's What You Can Do

Using a commercial car wash is the best way to protect local creeks and the Bay from pollution. Commercial car washes, including those at gas stations, drain wash water to local wastewater treatment facilities that remove pollutants. Commercial car washes also use less water than you would at home, and often recycle the wash water.

If you must wash your car at home, follow these guidelines:

- Wash your car on a lawn, dirt area, or gravel driveway, so that soapy water will not run into a street or storm drain.
- Use rags to wipe brake dust off of wheels before washing.
- Use a nozzle on your hose to conserve water.
- Avoid using soap and other chemicals (such as spray-on wheel cleaners). Even biodegradable soap can be toxic to wildlife.
- Pour your bucket of soapy water down a sink or toilet or onto landscaping when you are finished.



Alternatives to Traditional Car Wash Fundraisers

Traditional car wash fundraisers can cause water pollution if wash water flows to the storm drain. Here are a few alternatives:

- Contact local commercial car washes for discounted passes that you can sell at a higher price to raise funds.
- Hold the event at a commercial car wash and ask them to donate part of the profits if you help to advertise.
- Partner with a self-serve car wash to host the event at their facility and wash cars for tips.
- Hold a neighborhood or park clean up. Take pledges for the amount of trash collected or area cleaned.

If you still want to hold a traditional car wash fundraiser, here's what you can do:

- Contact your local city to find out if they can loan you a Car Wash Kit or provide guidance on putting one together. These kits help keep wash water out of storm drains.



- Wash cars on a field instead of a parking lot, so soapy water will not run into storm drains, streets or gutters.