



Guide to Car Washing in San Francisco



PROTECT YOUR ENVIRONMENT: VISIT A COMMERCIAL CAR WASH BUSINESS

Washing a car in your driveway generates a lot of pollution, so it is best to go to a professional car wash. Washing your car at home can send motor oil and other pollutants down the street and into the city's storm drains which lead to the San Francisco Bay or Pacific Ocean.

Federal laws require commercial car wash facilities to treat their wastewater before it's sent to the sewer system, and ultimately the wastewater treatment plant. These facilities use the appropriate amount of water and capture all the soapy runoff generated on site. Commercial car washes also use computer-controlled systems and high-pressure nozzles and pumps that minimize water usage. Many also recycle and reuse the rinse water.



CAR WASHING AT HOME

If you choose to wash your car at home, make sure you follow these tips to wash it in the most environmentally-friendly way possible.

- Use biodegradable soaps and less toxic products to wash your car
- Use a hose with a nozzle, so water is not wasted while it is not being used
- Capture the soapy runoff by washing your car on a lawn or other pervious surface



HOW ABOUT CAR WASH FUNDRAISERS?

- Host your fundraiser at a commercial car wash facility since they capture all the soapy runoff generated on site
- Sell car wash vouchers or tickets that can be redeemed at these facilities (coordinate with car wash in advance)
- Host alternative fundraising events. Consider other fun ways to raise money, such as bake sales, raffles, auctions, carnivals, trivia contest, tree planting, sports tournaments and pancake breakfasts

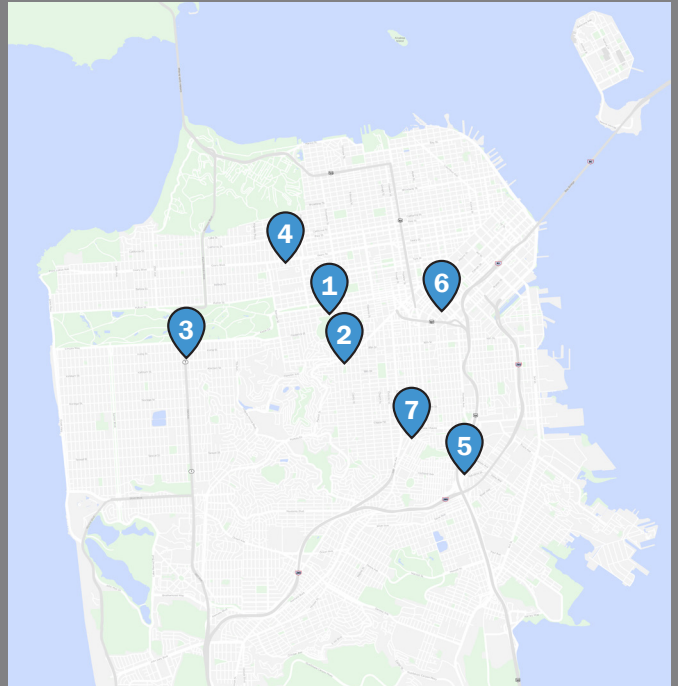
ONLY RAIN DOWN THE DRAIN

San Francisco is the only coastal city in California with a combined sewer system that collects and treats both wastewater and stormwater in the same network of pipes. However, parts of San Francisco have separate storm sewer systems where stormwater is not treated and flows directly to our Bay and ocean. Imagine all the motor oil, pesticides, metals and other litter that you see on the street – they all go into the sewer system or the Bay or ocean when it rains. It is extremely important to wash your car responsibly so that you can prevent pollution.



To learn more visit
sfpuc.org/PollutionPrevention

COMMERCIAL CAR WASH FACILITIES IN SAN FRANCISCO



- 1. Castro Car Wash**
376 Castro Street
(510) 205-9924
- 2. Divisadero Touchless Car Wash**
444 Divisadero Street
(415) 621-8676
- 3. Shell Car Wash**
1200 19th Avenue
(Inner Sunset)
(415) 661-2276
- 4. Shell Car Wash**
3035 Geary Boulevard
(Inner Richmond)
(415) 752-4171
- 5. Shine-N-Seal Car Wash**
367 Bayshore Boulevard
(415) 458-2670
- 6. Tenth & Harrison Car Wash (Self Service)**
1394 Harrison Street
(415) 872-9236
- 7. Tower Car Wash**
1601 Mission Street
(415) 558-9274