Don’t pressure wash near storm drains!

Pressure Washing

Water from pressure washing driveways, decks, roofs and house exteriors may contain pollutants. If polluted water is allowed to run into the street and down a storm drain, it will carry pollutants straight into the nearest stream or lake and eventually to Bellingham Bay.

Allowing anything other than rain water to enter storm drains is a violation of Bellingham Municipal Code 15.42.050.

NO DUMPING
No Descarga Basura
DRAINS TO WATERWAYS

How can I protect our waterways?

Follow these simple steps:

- Redirect water onto gravel, lawns, landscaping or where it can soak into the ground. This allows pollutants to be filtered out.

- Don't use chemicals. Replace them with non-toxic cleaners. *
- If moss-control chemicals are used on roofs, block or disconnect downspouts and spread water onto nearby vegetation.
- Put a sand bag in the curb line or dig a shallow pit to trap water. Vacuum water with a wet/dry shop vac. Empty water into the sink or toilet.

* **A Note About Soaps:** All soaps, even biodegradable ones, can harm our waterways if they run into storm drains. If you must use soap outdoors, make sure it's biodegradable and spread the soapy water on gravel or vegetated areas. Soaps can then be filtered out in the ground and will eventually break down in the soil.

For more information, please contact City of Bellingham Public Works (360) 778-7970

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