Techniques to: 
KEEP YOUR CONCRETE & CREEKS CLEAN
STORMWATER IS NOT TREATED, and carries pollution from streets and your property directly to the nearest creek, lake, or the Bay.

Pressure wash waste water contains pollutants such as metals, oils, paint, cleaners, and dirt that all harm fish and other aquatic life.
- Water must be diverted to a sink, lawn, or landscaping.
- Wash water cannot enter storm drains and ditches.*

BEFORE WASHING
- Absorb oil spots with kitty litter (or other absorbent) and sweep it up.
- Sweep up trash, debris, and dirt.
- Plan a method for disposing of your waste water.
- Call us for help or to borrow a kit to help you divert the waste water.
- Set up berms to divert or block water from storm drains.

WHILE WASHING
- Use less water: the more you use the more you move.
- Avoid hazardous cleaners (such as those containing bleach, hydrofluoric acid, muriatic acid, sodium hydroxide, etc.).
- Water without cleaners may be discharged to a lawn or landscaped area where the water can soak into the ground without running off.

AFTER WASHING
- Dump waste water into a utility sink or private sewer cleanout.

REMEMBER
- Never dump waste water on streets, pavement, into storm drains or ditches.
- Never pressure wash lead-based paint.
- Protect your septic by not dumping pressure wash waste water into your system.

* Allowing anything other than rain water to enter storm drains is against the law. - Bellingham Municipal Code 15.42.050

HAVE QUESTIONS? WE’D LOVE TO HELP:
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