

POLLUTION PREVENTION: CAR WASHING

Car washing is a common routine for many residents and a popular way for organizations to raise funds. However, the detergents utilized in car washing activities can have a detrimental impact on the local waterways. Urban areas that have a higher concentration of automobiles pose a greater threat than rural areas. The Village urges its residents to review the following best management practices to protect our local waterways:

- Use a commercial car wash facility; detergent laden discharge water is collected by appropriate sanitary sewer facilities
- Wash your car on gravel, grass or other permeable surfaces to allow for infiltration
- Block off storm drains during charity car wash events and direct discharge to grassed ditches for filtration
- Use hoses with nozzles that automatically shut off when not in use
- Use biodegradable soaps