

PRESSURE WASHING

Stormwater Best Management Practices

Protect creeks and lakes.
Avoid fines for polluting.



Prior to Pressure Washing

Determine the following:

- ✓ Whether the job can be done without detergents or chemicals. Refer to the "Acceptable Practices for Disposal of Wash Water" table for more information.
StormWater.CharMeck.org then click on "Tips for Water Quality" then "Businesses".
- ✓ Which direction the wash water will flow.
- ✓ Which storm drains have the potential to be impacted.
- ✓ How wash water will be collected and disposed.

Pre-Cleaning

- ✓ Pick-up trash and debris in wash area.
- ✓ Use dry methods first (absorbent, rags, sweeping, etc.) to clean oil and dirt from areas to be washed.
- ✓ Train all employees on stormwater and wastewater discharge requirements and proper techniques to comply with those requirements.

Collection of Wastewater

- ✓ No detergents or chemicals may be discharged into a stormwater drain or surface water.
- ✓ Wastewater must be collected and not allowed to enter storm drain when cleaning the following: parking lots, restaurant drive-throughs, back alleys, grease bins, and equipment; vehicle and equipment engines and undercarriages; and tools.
- ✓ Washing anything where heavy pollutants may be released such as oils, greases, metals, paint, etc. must be collected and properly disposed of.

Disposal of Collected Wastewater

- ✓ For disposal of collected wastewater into the sanitary sewer, contact Charlotte Water at (704) 336-4407 to obtain approval and ask about restrictions. Generally, you must filter out solids and oil/grease. Discharge locations may include a sewer cleanout, mop sink, toilet, or floor drain. Discharging into a public manhole is prohibited.
- ✓ Consult with an environmental company if the wastewater has a pH less than 6 or greater than 12, may be a fire or explosive hazard (gas, diesel fuel, etc.) has excessive solids or viscous materials, or contains a potentially hazardous waste.

**Report Spills and Stormwater Pollution to
311 or (704) 336-7600**

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Storm Drains are for Rain Only



Stormwater goes directly to our creeks and lakes without treatment. Pollution that washes away with rain and enters storm drains is called stormwater pollution.

Preventing stormwater pollution is important for:



Drinking Water



Recreation



Fish & Wildlife



Quality of Life

**Pollution *isn't* just bad for
the environment—IT'S ILLEGAL.**

*You can be fined up to **\$10,000** per day, per event.*

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