

Proper Disposal of Power Washing Wastewater

You can help keep our creeks, streams and Cache la Poudre River healthy and ensure compliance with a few simple steps.



Wash water may contain chemicals, oil, grease or other pollutants. State of Colorado and City of Fort Collins regulations establish that it is illegal for power washing wastewater to be discharged into the storm drain system.

Proper Power Washing Disposal:

- Block storm drains with a water-tight barrier to ensure that dirty water does not enter the storm drain
- Collect wash water and discharge it into the sanitary sewer through an indoor drain; only if
 - Discharge pH is between 5 and 11
 - Discharge has no visible oil or grease
 - Discharge contains no hazardous substances
- Collect wash water and truck it to the Drake Wastewater Reclamation Facility (with prior approval by calling 221-6900)
- Divert small volumes of wash water into landscaping if chemicals are not used
- For State guidance on power washing and discharge, visit colorado.gov.

