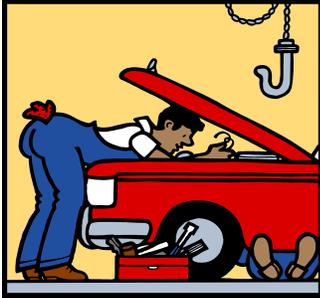




# Stormwater Best Management Practices Fact Sheet Series

## Vehicle Care



Cars are sources of water pollution too

Many automotive fluids—oil, antifreeze, de-greasers—are hazardous materials. Leaking vehicles leave stains of oil, grease, and transmission fluid on driveways and parking lots. Rain or irrigation water washes over these areas, carrying pollutants to the storm



drain. When washing your car, detergents and solvents run off into the street and into storm drains. Water from the storm drains is directly discharged into our lakes and rivers without being treated.

### What can you do to prevent pollution?



- Never dump used motor oil in the storm drain; recycle oil and other automotive fluids
- Avoid spills by using a drip pan
- Use an absorbent material, such as cat litter, to clean up spills; sweep up and properly dispose of in the trash
- Avoid hosing down your garage and driveway; sweep instead
- Wash your vehicle at a commercial car wash or wash over a lawn or gravel driveway



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