

# Storm Water Pollution Prevention

## Pressure Washing



### The Problem

Most pressure washing activities are conducted outdoors, which can lead to pollutants from the cleaning compounds used or surfaces being cleaned entering the storm sewers.

### Regulations

Township Ordinance prohibits the discharge of polluted water. This includes water with soaps, chemicals, or sediments that can contaminate streams and lakes.



### How You Can Help

Reduce the need to pressure wash by using dry methods to clean your surfaces. Use absorbent materials to protect oils and paints from getting on concrete and wood surfaces.

Sweep up trash, debris, and dirt before washing.

Use plain water for washing. Use only environmentally friendly cleaners when necessary. Avoid acidic, caustic, and detergent cleaners as they can damage surfaces and can become a hazardous waste.



Direct pressure washing runoff through a filter or into landscaped and grassy areas.