

NEW GUIDANCE ON CAR WASH FUNDRAISERS

Wash water from car wash fundraisers is **no longer allowed** to enter City storm drains.

The National Pollutant Discharge and Elimination System Permit issued August 7, 2020 by the State Department of Health under the Clean Water Act no longer provides an exemption to allow wash water from charity car washes into City and County of Honolulu streets and storm drains.

Penalties for all unauthorized discharges to the street or storm drain, including vehicle wash water, range from **\$1,000 to \$25,000 per violation, per day**.

Revised Ordinances of Honolulu §43-11.23

CAN I STILL HOLD A CAR WASH FUNDRAISER?

Car wash fundraisers are still allowed however, the host site and car wash organizers are responsible for appropriately disposing of wash water to avoid potential fines.

The reverse side of this handout outlines the acceptable options for wash water disposal and the use of car wash kits.

ALTERNATIVE FUNDRAISERS

Instead of a traditional car wash, consider one of these alternative fundraisers:

- **Commercial car wash coupons**
Commercial car washes may offer coupons for their services at a discount to fundraising groups. These businesses are prohibited from disposing of wash water in the City's storm drain system and their facilities are designed to recapture, filter and recycle wash water.



CAR WASH FUNDRAISER

Support the local soccer team.
Fundraiser for their upcoming season!

GOOD FOR ONE (1) \$15 CAR WASH - EXPIRES ON: 2023/01/02

Open daily 8AM to 8AM at two locations:

Aloha Car Wash
1234 Mauka St.
Honolulu, HI 96813

company

Mahalo Car Wash
5678 Makai St.
Honolulu, HI 96815

- **Waterless car washes**
Specially designed products for cleaning both vehicle exteriors and interiors are commercially available and work well when correctly applied.
- **Auctions, walk-a-thons, coupon books, rummage sales**
No water required!



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HOW SHOULD WASH WATER BE DISPOSED OF?

OPTION 1

Divert wash water away from storm drains to a landscaped area for infiltration. Landscaped areas must be large enough to contain all water generated from washing.

OPTION 2

Collect and dispose of wash water via a sanitary sewer connection.* Majority of car wash fundraisers will use this option as most host sites do not have adjacent landscaping.

Car wash kits can be used to help with either option (see box at right).



Using a car wash kit can prevent wash water discharge to the storm drain system.

CAR WASH KITS

Wash water is required to be disposed of correctly when holding a traditional car wash fundraiser.

Organizers can assemble the materials for a car wash kit to effectively keep wash water out of the City's storm drain system.

A typical car wash kit consists of:

- Hoses with spray nozzles to conserve water usage;
- Dams and barriers to direct the flow of wash water;
- Water containment mats and storm drain inlet covers to catch wash water runoff for collection;
- Submersible pumps or vacuum systems to convey water directly to a landscaped area or a container for disposal to the sanitary sewer with an approved permit from ENV*;
- Outdoor extension cords and access to a power source to run pumps and vacuums.

Instructions for car wash kit assembly and video tutorials demonstrating their use can be found online.

**Disposal via sanitary sewer must be authorized by the City and County of Honolulu Department of Environmental Services (ENV). Call the ENV Regulatory Control Branch at 808-768-4108 for information on discharges to the City's sewer system.*

