

PROTECT OUR STORM WATER!

Rain falling in urban areas flows across streets and paved surfaces picking up dirt, debris, automotive fluids, and other loose materials.

This water collects in the City storm drain system before being carried, untreated, to streams and the ocean, affecting the health of our aquatic environment and our island lifestyle.

This brochure provides guidance on how to protect our streams and the ocean from the effects of storm water pollution when caring for your car at home.

TIP: Using less water helps reduce the amount of pollutants entering the ocean.

STORM DRAIN DUMPING SEE IT, REPORT IT!

The City follows up on reports with education first and enforcement when necessary.

WHAT TO REPORT:

- Material type & amount
- Place & time
- Description of person or vehicle license plate #
- Take a picture!

HOW TO FILE A REPORT:

Call **911** if witnessing an active spill that may impact the environment or public safety

Use the **Honolulu 311** phone app

Call **808-768-3300** (for past events)

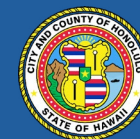
Online at
www.StormWaterHonolulu.com



CLEAN IT RIGHT



Home Car Care for Storm Water Protection



CITY & COUNTY OF HONOLULU
Department of Facility Maintenance
Storm Water Quality Division

REPAIRING YOUR CAR AT HOME



- Perform maintenance work under a covered area to prevent contact with water. Keep fluid containers closed when not in use.
- Lay an absorbent pad down to catch leaks or spills. Have rags, clay litter or other absorbents ready to clean up a spill.
- Clean up leaks or spills promptly. Sweep up dry absorbent materials (if used) and dispose of properly.
- Store equipment and used vehicle parts under cover.
- Capture and reuse chemical solvents and degreasers when cleaning parts. Dispose of used chemicals as a hazardous waste.



DO NOT HOSE DOWN WORK AREAS

TIP: Some automotive repair shops may recycle waste oil and fluids.

FLUID & BATTERY DISPOSAL



- Use an oil change box when changing your oil. Change your oil away from storm drains and have old rags or other absorbent material available in case of a spill.
- Absorb and dispose in the trash any waste coolant, antifreeze, or other automotive fluids.
- Return used batteries to the store where you purchased them. Retailers are required to accept old batteries.

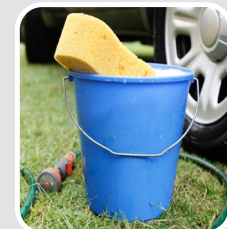
DO NOT POUR CAR FLUIDS DOWN ANY DRAIN



TIP: Visit honolulu.gov/opala for more information on proper automotive fluid disposal.

CAR WASHING

- Consider using dry cloth cleaning methods.
- Use a bucket, sponge and hose spray nozzle with flow restriction.
- Wash where runoff drains to vegetation so the water can soak into the ground or where it will not drain into the street.
- Use only enough of a cleaning product to get the job done.
- Do not wash the vehicle undercarriage.
- Dispose of leftover soapy water in the sink.



Best Practice: Use a commercial car wash. Most car wash facilities treat or recycle wash water.