

# REMEMBER YOU ARE NOT JUST WASHING YOUR CAR AND FERTILIZING THE LAWN.



If you fertilize the lawn, the rain washes the fertilizer along the curb, into the storm drain and directly into lakes and streams. This causes algae to grow and use up oxygen that fish need to survive. So if you fertilize, follow the directions and use sparingly.

When washing the car, all the soap, scum, and oily grit runs along the curb, then into the storm drain and directly into our lakes, streams and into coastal waters. And that causes pollution which is unhealthy for fish. To avoid polluting our environment, wash your car on grass or gravel instead of the street. Or better yet, take it to a car wash where the water gets treated and recycled.

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If you have questions regarding storm water, please contact the Dauphin County Conservation District, your local municipality or Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection's Regional Office. For questions, you may also contact DEP's Bureau of Watershed Management at (717) 772-5661 or visit [www.depweb.state.pa.us](http://www.depweb.state.pa.us). Thanks to the Washington State Water Quality Consortium for permission to adapt and use this poster.