

Help Protect Our Water With Better Car Care

Stormwater Pollutants

When you wash your car or when your car leaks oil on the street or driveway, the soap, grime, and oily residue can flow and enter the storm drain without treatment to our lakes and bayous.

When it rains, stormwater runoff flows across our driveways and streets and carries these pollutants into storm drains and out into our lakes and bayous without treatment. The pollutants can harm fish, plants, animals, and people in and around those lakes and bayous.

Phosphates from detergents can harm water quality by causing algae blooms which kills fish and smells bad.



For more information on the Fort Bend County MUD 50 Stormwater Management Program please visit: <https://fortbendmud50.com/stormwater-issues-and-actions/>
To report stormwater quality concerns, please visit <https://fortbendmud50.com/contact-us/>

Better Ways to Wash Your Car

- Wash your car on surfaces that absorb water like grass or gravel instead of on paved driveways and streets.
- Use less soap and use biodegradable, phosphate-free detergents.
- Empty your bucket of used, soapy water in a vegetated area like a yard, or into a utility sink that drains to a sanitary sewer. Never empty the dirty water down the storm drain.
- Take your car to a commercial car wash, where the water is treated, recycled, and infrequently discharged to the sanitary sewer.

Prevent Leaks from Your Car

- Check your car regularly for drips and leaks and fix them promptly.
- Maintain your car at a professional shop, if possible. If you do the work yourself, please:
 - Use ground cloths or drip pans under your vehicle while doing engine work to capture any leaks.
 - Take used motor oil to a professional auto shop for recycling.

- Clean up spills immediately by soaking up the liquid with cat litter or sand.
- Dispose of the materials in a watertight bag in the trash.
- Do not mix waste oil with gasoline, solvents, or other engine fluids.
- Never dump motor oil, antifreeze, transmission fluid, or other engine fluids down storm drains, road gutters, on the ground, or into a ditch.

Conserve Water

- Use a high-pressure, low-volume hose that has a trigger nozzle to limit water use.
- Use less water while washing your car.



Customer Hotline

Contact the District by calling our customer hotline at 281-290-6500 for any questions or more information.

