

**You wouldn't wash your car in the ocean...**



**...so why would you let your soap, grease,  
chemicals and dirty water enter the  
storm drains?**

When you wash your car at home, the water you use can flow into the street, picking up dirt, chemicals and trash along the way. This water then runs into storm drains, where it flows **untreated** into channels, harbors and the ocean. You can help protect the environment by using commercial car washes. If you must wash your car at home, use a trigger nozzle to minimize water usage. Washing your car on grass or gravel also helps absorb the water. For more information call the City of Fountain Valley Public Works Department at (714) 593-4441 or visit [www.ocwatersheds.com](http://www.ocwatersheds.com).