



## Mobile Wash Policy

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- I. Transportation-Related Washing or Detailing
  - A. Fleet Washing (Exterior washing to remove mainly dirt; with or without soap):
    1. Capture the wash water using wash pads, temporary seals over storm sewer, or permanent wash station with no outlet.
    2. Dispose of wash water through proper sanitary sewer access.
    3. If a permanent wash station is utilized, the wash water may be left for evaporation.
    4. The wash area shall be cleaned as specified in Section II.A. of this document.
  - B. Engine/Equipment Degreasing; Auto/truck drive train cleaning, Engine degreasing, Airplane cleaning, including landing gear (with or without soap):
    1. If solvents are used, wash water must be contained and handled as hazardous. Disposal to the POTW is not allowed.
    2. If no solvents are used, wash water must be contained and treated prior to discharging to a proper sanitary sewer access. Types of treatment may include oil/water separators and coalescers. Contact the local POTW for additional information concerning regulations.
  - C. Acid Cleaning of Unpainted Trucks:
    1. Wash water from acid cleaning must be contained and neutralized. Contact POTW for pH range allowed.
    2. Dispose of wash water to proper sanitary sewer access.



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### D. Food Related Transportation:

#### 1. Semi-Trailer Interior Cleaning:

- a. Remove garbage and debris without the use of water. Dispose of as a solid waste.
- b. Collect wash water and discharge to a proper sanitary sewer access on-site, staying in compliance with local BOD, SS particle size limitations.

#### 2. Lunch Wagons/Food Carts:

- a. Lunch wagons/food carts must be cleaned at a properly equipped commissary.
- b. Clean wagons, carts and related equipment on a wash pad or other contained area.
- c. Collect, filter and discharge to a proper sanitary sewer access.

### E. Boat Cleaning (with or without soap)

1. Remove any paint chips by filtering wash water. Dispose of according to paint content. Contact regulatory agencies for additional information concerning regulations.

## II. Surface Cleaning

The BMP's in this section do not apply if there has been an oil or other hazardous material release on the site. If a release has occurred, the local Fire Department should be notified.

### A. Sidewalks, Plazas, Driveways, Paved Parking Lots, and Drive-through Window Areas (with or without soap):



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1. Prepare area by sealing all storm drains, then sweep, collect and dispose of debris as a solid waste.
  2. Dry clean all oil spots with absorbent and dispose of in a legal manner.
  3. Collect wash water and discharge on-site into a proper sanitary sewer access. If oil or grit are present, then treat by passing through an oil/water separator. Verify that the oil/water separator is for petroleum type oil and grease prior to usage. Oil and solids are to be disposed of properly.
- B. Building Exteriors and Other Structures:
1. Glass, Steel or Non-Hazardous Painted Structures:
    - a. Collect wash water and dispose of on-site to a proper sanitary sewer access.
    - b. If non-hazardous paint chips are present, collect wash water and filter. Dispose of filtered wash water in on-site sanitary sewer. Dispose of paint solids and filters properly.
  2. When using wet sand blasting or high pressure washing and cleaning compounds for such tasks as graffiti removal or other non-hazardous paint removal. Prepare area so all debris, sand, cleaning compounds, and/or wash water can be removed without accessing the storm sewer. Contact local POTW regarding the disposal of this material.
  3. Masonry Efflorescence using acid wash to remove mineral deposits on masonry - prepare area to prevent loss of solid particles or acidic wash water. Collect, remove grit and neutralize the wash water. Dispose of wash water on-site to a proper sewer access. Dispose of solids properly.



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### III. Food Service and Retailer Cleaning (with or without soap):

#### A. Outdoor Areas (alleys, dumpsters, etc.):

1. Prepare area by collecting any large debris.
2. Collect wash water and filter out particles prior to discharging to a proper sanitary access.

#### B. Accessory Cleaning (floor mats, exhaust filters, grocery carts, etc.):

1. Brush down or vacuum article to remove debris. If debris is not removed prior to washing, then the wash water must be filtered before discharging. Dispose of debris as a solid waste.
2. Collect wash water and/or allow to discharge into a proper sanitary sewer access.

### IV. Prohibited Wash Water:

#### A. Treated Wood (singles, decks, etc.):

Dry clean only! Treated wood often contains toxic material. This is not allowed in storm or sanitary drains, on the ground, or in a natural waterway.

#### B. Painted structures or objects using lead based on mercury additive paint:

Wash water from structures or objects with lead-based or mercury-additive paints should be disposed of as a hazardous waste. No disposal is allowed to the POTW.

#### C. Kitchen grease Interceptor or Trap:

Flushing a grease interceptor or trap to the sanitary sewer is not allowed, even after removing solid grease and liquid contained in the interceptor or trap.



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### D. Hazardous Materials Clean Up:

#### 1. Vehicles:

Vehicles that transport hazardous materials should be cleaned by specially trained and authorized personnel only. The POTW does not accept this type of wastewater in either a proper sanitary sewer access or at a hauled waste disposal site.

#### 2. Spills and Drums:

Since spills may be hazardous, they require special handling. Contact the POTW with inquiries about spills.

#### 3. Solvents:

If solvents are used in the cleaning process or stored in the item being cleaned, the wash water is not allowed in the sanitary sewer.