

Required BMPs are the key to compliance and a successful mobile business!

The City of San Clemente thanks you for taking the time to read this short brochure to understand the water quality regulations and the Best Management Practices (BMPs) that you can implement to keep you and your business in compliance.

Should you have any questions, please contact the Environmental Programs office at (949) 361-6143.

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BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES (BMPs) for MOBILE DETAILERS



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Clean Ocean Program

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Vehicle cleaning activities generate pollutants like:

- **heavy metals**
(copper, lead, nickel and zinc)
- **hydrocarbons**
(oil & grease)
- **toxic chemicals**
(solvents, chlorinated compounds, glycols)
- **acids and alkalis**
- **sediment**

During vehicle cleaning, these pollutants often drain from driveways, streets and gutters into the storm drain system, causing pollution of our creeks, beaches and ocean.

Please note that washing or polishing cars on a public street is prohibited. (San Clemente Municipal Code 10.28.080)

When this activity is allowed, the law requires the use of Best Management Practices (BMPs) to prevent pollution and protect public health. It's also good business.

By law, mobile detailers must prevent *all* washwater and materials from entering storm drains. Administrative Citations include fines up to \$500 for a first offense under City of San Clemente's Municipal Code No. 13.40.030, and other regulatory fines can be up to \$10,000 per day per offense.

It is required that you implement these measures so that your business is in compliance, while you are also demonstrating that you are doing your part to protect our environment.

BEST MANGEMENT PRACTICES (BMPs)

The following **BMPs** shall be implemented to help you maintain compliance with regulations.

- ✓ Minimize water use.
- ✓ Vacuum or shake floor mats into a trash can.
- ✓ Sweep wash area to remove debris.
- ✓ Use cleaning products as their labels indicate and dispose of properly. **Even biodegradable products impact our waterways.**
- ✓ If feasible, wash vehicle on a vegetated or gravel surface where washwater can soak into the ground instead of creating runoff.
- ✓ Contain wash area so that water does not drain down streets and gutters. To do this use sand bag berms, wattles, or bermed mats.
- ✓ Protect downstream storm drain inlet so that wash water can not enter. Protection must be in place before starting the washing process and removed before leaving the site.
- ✓ Use a "wet-vac" to vacuum up the wash water for proper disposal.

Required equipment and materials such as wet-vacuums, mats, and sand bags may be available at your local hardware or construction materials stores.

Household Hazardous Waste Recycling:

More Info: 714-834-6752
www.oclandfills.com

Options for Washwater Disposal:

- **Option 1:**
With property owner permission, direct washwater to a vegetated area with berms or sand bags so that it can soak into ground. *Washwater must completely soak into the vegetation before leaving the site.*
- **Option 2:**
With property owner permission, use a "wet-vac" to vacuum up water and dispose in a sewer cleanout, utility sink, toilet, etc. Be careful not to discharge heavy debris, hazardous materials or anything that can clog the sink or toilet.
- **Option 3:**
Take washwater off site for proper disposal at your home or business location.
- **Important Note:** Washwater and any waste material from **engine cleaning** must be treated with an oil/water separator before disposing into the sanitary sewer system.



Do not allow anything to go into the gutter or storm drain.

Storm drains run directly into channels and creeks, throughout wetlands and to the ocean.

