Remember, you’re not just washing your car

Practice good car care

Did you know . . . 4 quarts of oil can form an 8 acre oil slick if dumped or spilled down a storm drain?

That’s because storm drains found in our streets and yards lead directly to our lakes and streams. So, oil and dirty water from washing our car that goes into storm drains pollutes our water.

What can you do? Simple.

• Take your car to the carwash where the dirty water is treated before it gets to our water.
• Wash your car on your lawn or direct the dirty water towards the lawn and away from the storm drain.
• Keep your car properly tuned.
• Recycle used fluids and never dump them down the storm drain.

Help keep the oil where it belongs . . . in your car.

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