Alternatives

- Use a commercial vehicle wash that recycles its water or sends its wash water to a sanitary sewer.
- Wash cars on lawn area to allow the grass and soil to act as a natural filter, capturing the material from your car (avoid grassy swales, which are connected to the storm drain).
- Wring sponges and wash rags into buckets, not onto the ground.

Household Hazardous Waste

Hours:
- Tuesday—12p.m. to 7p.m.
- Thursday—12p.m. to 7p.m.
- First Saturday of every month—8a.m. to 12p.m.
GOOD HOUSEKEEPING PRACTICES FOR CAR WASH FUNDRAISING EVENTS:

Good Housekeeping Practice #1
Get your permit from the City Stormwater Coordinator at the City Offices on 301 N. 8th Street, this way they know where the event is and they can set up their environmentally friendly equipment.

Good Housekeeping Practice #2
Before beginning your car wash, remove all trash and debris from the car washing area.

Good Housekeeping Practice #3
Use only soaps, cleaners, or detergents labeled “non-toxic”, “phosphate free”, or “biodegradable”. Products that have a less negative impact on the environment, for this purpose are typically vegetable-based or citrus-based soaps.

Good Housekeeping Practice #4
Avoid the use of acid-based wheel cleaners. Along with other environmentally unfriendly cleaning agents.

Good Housekeeping Practice #5
Try to minimize the amount of water or soapy wash water running off the car washing area by trying the following:

- Always shut off or kink the hoses when not in use.
- Whenever possible, select a site where the cars can be driven onto grass or gravel for washing. Or, select a site where wash water will drain onto grass, gravel or landscaping, or into the sanitary sewer system. This will allow the soapy water to filter through vegetation and soil instead of flowing into a storm drain.

- Use a bucket of soapy water to re-soap rags or sponges throughout the wash rather than adding more soap directly to the rag/sponge.

- Do not empty buckets of soapy or rinse water into the parking lot, street, gutter or storm drains. Always empty buckets into the sanitary sewer system (e.g. sinks or toilets).