

## City hosts meetings on dangers of at-home washing

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WENATCHEE, WA — State and local officials here and in East Wenatchee, WA, are working to educate the public on how at-home carwashing and parking lot fundraisers can harm water resources including the Columbia River, *The Wenatchee World* reported.

The June 5 story said meetings are being held throughout both cities in which new officials will also let the public know about regulations that ban rinse water from getting into storm drains.

A joint press release from both cities and the state Department of Ecology, said the average charity carwash produces as much as 3,600 gallons of dirty water after a six-hour fundraiser.

As reported in 2009 by *Professional Carwashing & Detailing*, storm water drain regulations which affect at-home carwashing were **talked about for months** and went into effect in the state of Washington last September.

Ordinances ban any liquids such as soap from going into the storm drains. They do not state that residents cannot wash their cars at home, but said that if they do, they should wash them on the lawn or on gravel, or to go to a commercial carwash instead.

To read the full story, click [here](#).