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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

From: Richmond Sanitary District
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PSA: Washing Your Car

It is a long standing tradition that folks tend to wash their cars themselves at home or at local parking lots. Many of us might not even give it a second thought about where those soap suds go as long as the car is clean. Well most likely those soap suds, and the grime associated with it, are getting washed into the nearest drainage ditch or storm drain. The ditches and drains carry that polluted water to the nearest stream or river and negatively affects the water quality and the wildlife that depends on it.

The pollution solution to be employed here is to either wash your car on the grass where the soil can help absorb and filter the soap and grime, or take your car to a local car wash where the wash water enters the sanitary sewer and goes to the wastewater treatment plant to be cleaned before re-entering the river.

Remember: ONLY RAIN IN THE STORM DRAIN – anything else is a pollutant.

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