



# Attention Vehicle Professionals:

**Improper auto care practices can pollute our waterways and result in costly fines up to \$10,000!**  
(City code - Chapter 12)



# Protect Our Waterways!

**Only Rain Down the Storm Drain!**  
The storm drain system takes stormwater (and pollution!) straight to our waterways.



**Down the Drain!**  
Some buildings may have indoor floor drains that lead directly to storm drains or creeks and waterways. If you think this might be the case, contact the City to help you find out 910-341-0092. All indoor drains must be plumbed to the sanitary sewer system (wastewater treatment plant).



**Wash Right!**  
Businesses are not permitted to wash vehicles or equipment where the soapy water can reach storm drains, ditches or waterways. Instead, use a commercial carwash or wash vehicles on the grass. Businesses can clean vehicles outdoors with plain water and no soaps or chemicals.



**Leaks & Spills!**  
Clean up outdoor leaks and spills immediately because rain will carry contaminants straight to waterways. Use a funnel when pouring and a drip pan to catch fluids. Never hose down spills. Prevent leaks from stored vehicles.



**Chemical Danger!**  
Store chemicals and hazardous materials so they're not exposed to rain or where they could leak, spill, or be vandalized. Prevent fluid leaks from storage containers and other equipment.



**Recycle!**  
State law requires that all automotive fluids, filters, and batteries be recycled and/or properly disposed of. Fluids should not be poured on the ground, or in a storm drain, ditch or waterway.

**QUESTIONS?**  
Call City Stormwater Compliance  
910.341.0092

