

Pressure Washing

Please take the following steps when pressure washing occurs at your facility:

1. Identify where the storm drains are around the property.
2. Use a mat with sandbags or a catch basin tub to block off the storm drain. No liquid should be able to flow into the inlet or outlet pipes of the catch basin. Use sand bags to direct water to divert water to a collection area. Alternatively, you can use a catch basin insert/tub to collect water in the catch basin.



Figure 1. Mat to prevent wash water from entering storm drain.

3. Use a sump pump and hose to pump water from either a holding area or from the catch basin insert, to the nearest toilet, sink, or sanitary sewer connection.



Figure 2. Various supplies used to collect pressure wash water and pump it to sewer.

4. Once all pressure wash water and sludge is pumped/removed from storm drain catch basin insert or holding area, then remove mat or catch basin tub/insert.

Pressure washing should only be done on your site if you're equipped to capture and properly dispose of all wash water. Whether you have your staff pressure wash or hire it out to a pressure washing company the requirement to prevent an illicit discharge is the same.