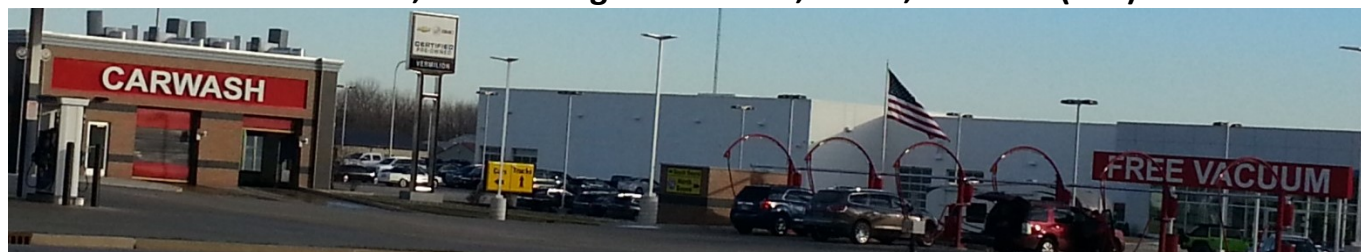


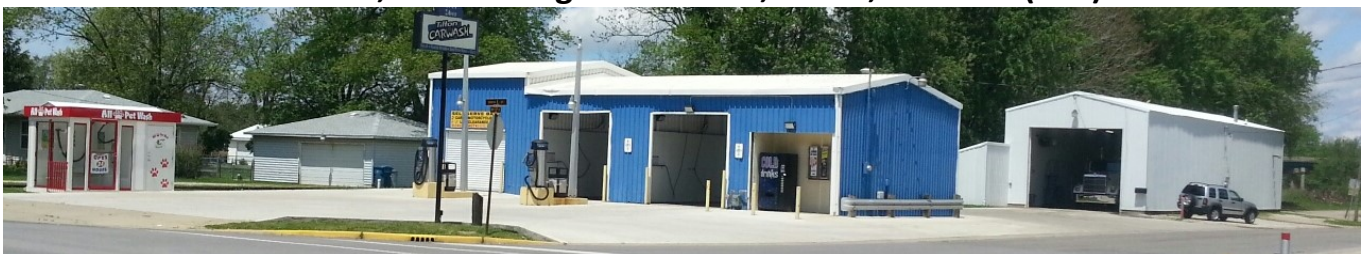
# USE WASHING FACILITIES & PREVENT POLLUTION



**Auto Selfie Car Wash, 1902 Georgetown Road, Tilton, IL 61833 (217) 431-4770**



**Mach 1 Carwash, 1525 Georgetown Road, Tilton, IL 61832 (217) 909-4535**



**Tilton Car, Truck & Pet Wash, 301 West 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Tilton, IL 61833 (217) 304-2795**

## Fundraising Carwash

Keeping pollutants out of our storm drain system protects our local creeks, reservoirs & water resources. Materials swept, blown or washed into the storm drains end up in these open waters where they degrade water quality and harm aquatic life. In general, wastewater discharges to the storm drains is illegal.

Car washes have long been a favorite fundraiser for scout troops, schools and other non-profit groups. They provide a needed service, can be done with little capital investment, and are very visible. Only in the last few years have we all become aware of the environmental impact our car washes can have. Dirty water containing soaps, detergents, and residue from exhaust fumes, gasoline and motor oils are washed off of these cars and flow directly to the nearest storm drain.

All by itself, your car wash may not seem to be contributing that much. But collectively, each of these car washes, done on a regular basis contributes to very serious pollution. By following the common sense practices included below; you can make a difference in the water quality and health of our communities.

## **BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES:**

- Find a sponsor for your carwash that uses a closed loop washing system—one that recycles its water. Do not hold your carwash at a facility that is not properly equipped. Popular host sites—such as service stations and parking lots do not have the necessary connections to the sanitary sewer.
- Ask your local commercial carwash to donate a part of the day's proceeds or see if they will allow you to market a special wash ticket.
- Hold your carwash at an industrial or commercial site that has a designated equipment/vehicle wash area. This wash pad must be directly connected to the sanitary sewer; the property owner is responsible for all necessary discharge permits.
- Rent a mobile washing system that can contain the water on the site and vacuum up any excess water. Although not inexpensive, collecting and rerouting the water is the only way to protect the storm drain system.
- Contact your local water sanitation authority on how you can set up an area to drain wash water to the sanitary sewer.
- Be creative with new fundraising ideas. Ask neighbors to donate items for a flea market. Ask your Chamber of Commerce if any local merchants would pay to have flyers distributed. See if you can get sponsors to pledge money for a park or creek clean-up!

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