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### Washing Cars

- ◆ Most commercial car washes and car dealers are equipped with drains that send wash water to a treatment facility or sanitary sewer. If so equipped, keep wash water directed to these drains.
- ◆ Never sweep or blow leaves and grass clippings into the street. The next rain will wash the debris into storm drains.
- ◆ Rake or sweep leaves and grass clippings into a bag and then compost or dispose of properly.
- ◆ Never allow any pesticides, yard wastes, or fertilizers to be washed down or put into a storm drain.
- ◆ Do not over-apply pesticides and fertilizers. Follow directions and use judiciously. Pull weeds by hand when possible.
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