

**IN YOUR
GARAGE**

**Best
Management
Practices**

STOCKTON
MUNICIPAL
STORM



WATER
PROGRAM



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Vehicle Maintenance

- Service vehicles regularly to help prevent leaks and reduce emissions.
- Use a professional car wash when possible.
- Wash cars on grass or gravel in order to allow the materials to filter through the vegetation or soil instead of running off yards, into gutters and down storm drains.
- Use water efficient devices on garden hoses. Empty the soap bucket into the toilet or sink instead of streets and gutters.
- Baking soda paste is a non-toxic substance that can be used to clean battery heads, cable clamps, and chrome. Add mild, biodegradable dishwashing soap to the paste to clean wheels and tires. White



vinegar or lemon juice mixed with water works well for cleaning windows.

- To keep air conditioning seals from cracking and leaking coolant, run the air conditioner at least once every two weeks.

Disposal Practices

- Never dispose of gasoline, used oil, or other automotive products in the gutters, storm drains, sinks or toilets. Take these products to a certified recycling center or the San Joaquin County Hazardous Waste Facility located near the Stockton Airport 7850 R. A. Bridgeford Street.

- Absorb any spills in the garage with kitty litter, sawdust or corn meal. Dispose of the materials from a small spill by placing them in a plastic bag and throwing them in the trash.
- When buying a new car battery, take the old one to the retailer. California law requires retailers to accept them. Any local hazardous waste collection events will also take them.
- Car wax and automotive fluids have long shelf lives. Store in airtight containers and use completely instead of disposing of them.

