



## R-3 AUTOMOBILE PARKING

Parked automobiles may contribute pollutants to the storm drain because poorly maintained vehicles may leak fluids containing hydrocarbons, metals, and other pollutants. In addition, heavily soiled automobiles may drop clods of dirt onto the parking surface, contributing to the sediment load when runoff is present. During rain events, or wash-down activities, the pollutants may be carried into the storm drain system. The pollution prevention activities outlined in this fact sheets are used to prevent the discharge of pollutants to the storm drain system.

The activities outlined in this fact sheet target the following pollutants:	
Sediment	x
Nutrients	
Bacteria	
Foaming Agents	
Metals	X
Hydrocarbons	X
Hazardous Materials	x
Pesticides and Herbicides	
Other	

Think before parking your car. Remember - The ocean starts at your front door.

### Required Activities

- If required, vehicles have to be removed from the street during designated street sweeping/cleaning times.
- If the automobile is leaking, place a pan or similar collection device under the automobile, until such time as the leak may be repaired.
- Use dry cleaning methods to remove any materials deposited by vehicles (e.g. adsorbents for fluid leaks, sweeping for soil clod deposits).

### Recommended Activities

- Park automobiles over permeable surfaces (e.g. gravel, or porous cement).
- Limit vehicle parking to covered areas.
- Perform routine maintenance to minimize fluid leaks, and maximize fuel efficiency.

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