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RE: Regulation on Wastewater Discharge from Outdoor Washing.

Outside vehicle washing is covered by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources General Permit to Discharge Wastewater from the Outside Washing of Vehicles, Equipment and other Objects. You are required to comply with the conditions of the permit. Notable required Best Management Practices (BMPs) include:

1. Discharges to surface waters must be directed to a seepage area (soil, grass or gravel) or treated for solids removal.
2. If discharge to a seepage area is not an option, the discharge must be free of visible foam.
3. If discharge to a seepage area is not an option, only detergent with less than 0.5% phosphate can be used.

For complete information, the General Permit information can be found at:

https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/wastewater/documents/59153_permit.pdf. The fact sheet for the permit can be found at: https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Wastewater/documents/59153_fs.pdf.

Failure to comply with the provisions of the General Permit could result in a fine of not less than \$50 or more than \$2000 per offense. Cleanup costs may also be incurred

If you have any questions please contact Rick Wentz: 608-225-2396 Public Health Madison and Dane County.