


BMPs are the key to compliance and a successful mobile business!

The City of Dana Point thanks you for taking the time to read this short brochure to understand the water quality regulations and the Best Management Practices (BMPs) that you can implement to keep you and your business in compliance.

Should you have any questions, please contact the City's Water Quality Engineer at 949-248-3584.

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BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES (BMPs) for MOBILE DETAILERS



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Mobile vehicle cleaning activities generate pollutants like:

- heavy metals (copper, lead, nickel and zinc);
- hydrocarbons (oil & grease);
- toxic chemicals (solvents, chlorinated compounds, glycols);
- acids and alkalis; and
- sediment.

During vehicle cleaning, these pollutants often drain from the driveway, streets and gutters into the storm drain system, causing pollution of our creeks, beaches and ocean.

Please note that washing or polishing cars in a public street is prohibited (DPMC 12.08.024).

When this activity is allowed, the law requires the use of Best Management Practices (BMPs) to prevent this pollution and protect public health. It's also good business.

By law, mobile detailers must prevent all washwater and other materials from cleaning activities from entering storm drains. If not, City fines of up to \$1,000 for a first offense may be issued (DPMC 15.10.040), and other regulatory fines can be up to \$10,000 per day per offense.

It makes good sense to implement the following measures so that your business is in compliance, while you are demonstrating that you are doing your part to protect our environment.

BEST MANGEMENT PRACTICES (BMPS)

The following **BMPs** shall be implemented to help you maintain compliance with regulations.

- ✓ Minimize water use.
- ✓ Use cleaning products as described on their labels and dispose of properly. Even biodegradable products impact our waterways.
- ✓ Vacuum or shake floor mats into a trash can—not on the street or driveway.
- ✓ If feasible, wash vehicle on a vegetated or gravel surface where washwater can soak into the ground instead of creating runoff.

If it is not feasible to wash vehicle on a vegetated or gravel surface:

Park vehicle on a leak-proof tarp with berms to capture washwater (see photo below).

OR:

Sweep wash area to remove debris;

Then contain the wash area so washwater does not drain down streets and gutters—use sand bag berms, or wattles; and
Protect downstream storm drain inlets so that washwater does not enter storm drain. Protection must be removed before you leave site.

- ✓ Contained washwater must be disposed of properly—it cannot drain to streets and storm drains!



Options for Washwater Disposal:

- Direct washwater to a vegetated area with berms or sand bags so that it can soak into ground. *Washwater must completely soak into the vegetation before leaving site!* OR

- Use a “wet-vac” to suck up the water and dispose of as residential wastewater in client’s sewer cleanout, utility sink or toilet, etc. Be careful not to discharge heavy debris, hazardous materials or anything that can clog the sink or toilet; OR
- Washwater may be taken off site for proper disposal at your home business location.



Local Places for Contractors to Purchase BMPs (sand bags, wattles, etc.)

Saddleback Sandbags:

1-800-286-7263
20712 Indian Ocean, Lake Forest

White Cap Industries:

949-493-9448
33061 Camino Capistrano,
San Juan Capistrano

Ganahl Lumber:

949-496-5765
34162 Doheny Park Road, Dana Point

Sepulveda Building Materials:

949-347-2100
28092 Forbes Road, Laguna Niguel