

Surface Cleaners Water Pollution Prevention Self Quiz

True/False questions:

	Ans
1. Except in San Francisco, Bay Area storm drains flow directly to local creeks, the Delta, and the Bay – with no treatment. <i>(True / False)</i>	
2. Wash water poured down a sink, toilet, or cleanout goes to a sewage treatment plant where many pollutants are removed. <i>(True / False)</i>	
3. You must protect nearby storm drain inlets when pollutants are present in the wash water. <i>(True / False)</i>	
4. Biodegradable soap can harm fish and wildlife. <i>(True / False)</i>	

Multiple Choice questions:

5. What sorts of pollutants come from mobile cleaning activities? <i>(Check all that apply)</i>	
a. Soaps, detergents, and solvents – which harm wildlife	
b. Motor oil, grease, and other auto fluid residue washed off of parking lots	
c. Dirt and silt that can smother natural habitats	
d. Paint chips from pressure washing buildings	
e. Grease and food waste from cleaning around restaurants or grocery stores	
6. What happens when polluted wash water reaches a creek, the Delta, or the Bay? <i>(Check all that apply)</i>	
a. Fish and wildlife such as birds, insects, and shellfish may die.	
b. Added nutrients in the water spur growth of aquatic plants, causing problems for other species.	
c. Scum forms on the surface of the water, blocking sunlight and oxygen.	
d. People get cleaner when they go swimming.	
e. Litter and other debris may clog streams.	
f. Dirt and sand in the wash water may smother natural habitats.	
7. Wash water containing soap may be discharged to ... <i>(Check all that apply)</i>	
a. The street	
b. Landscaping	
c. The sanitary sewer system	
8. Wash water enters storm drains from ... <i>(Check all that apply)</i>	
a. Gutters	
b. Curbside catch basins	
c. Drains in parking lots	
d. Cleanouts	
e. Driveways	
f. Streets	

	Ans
9. When can wash water be allowed to flow to a storm drain? (Check all that apply)	
a. Before 8 a.m. and after 6 p.m.	
b. If it has been used to clean sidewalks or plazas, and you used dry cleanup methods before using water without soap	
c. If it has been used to clean building exteriors, and no soap or chemicals were used	
d. If it looks really clean	
10. Send wash water to the sanitary sewer through a . . . (Check all that apply)	
a. Sink	
b. Toilet	
c. Manhole	
d. Cleanout	
11. How do you get permission to dispose of wash water in the sanitary sewer system? (Check all that apply)	
a. Call the local fire department.	
b. Call the local wastewater treatment authority.	
c. Call the city or county storm drain protection program.	
12. What sorts of hazardous waste can surface cleaning generate? (Check all that apply)	
a. Wash water containing lead paint chips	
b. Solvent cleaners	
c. Oil-saturated absorbents	
13. Whose responsibility is it to dispose of wash water properly? (Check all that apply)	
a. The cleaner	
b. The owner of the property where the waste came from	
c. The city	