

What about washing my car with all this green?

As the price of fuel rises, sales of new vehicles tend to fall. Many people are finding that their finances force them to drive cars that are not as flashy and new as they would want them to be. For now, all we can do is cross our fingers in the hopes that water-fueled engines are just over the horizon... and keep our older-than-desired cars as clean as we can. Which means a lot of trips to the car wash.

A car wash, however, can harm the environment and use up lots of water. If you want to be environmentally friendly while keeping your car clean, it can be hard. And for those of us whose math skills do not allow us to instantly calculate how many gallons of water are gushing out of a hose, it can be hard to know what kind of car wash is easiest on the environment. In reality, all of them are... and none of them. Read on to learn the environmental pros and cons of each car wash method.

Driveway Car Wash at Home: One good thing about washing your vehicle at home is having complete control over the soaps, etc., you use, as well as the amount of water. Some soaps and products used in washing cars can really harm the earth. With a home car wash, however, you can control what you use, and use soaps and cleaners that don't do as much harm to the environment. As a bonus, a home car wash gives you a bit of exercise, the warm sun on your back, and who knows? Maybe a fun summer water fight with your kids in the front yard. However, of all your car wash options, a home car wash is the one that tends to use the most water. On average, a person washing his or her car at home uses at least 50 gallons of water. That said, it's important to keep in mind that, if you'd like to limit the amount of water you use, you can... you have total control.

Self-Serve Car Wash: The good thing about a self-serve car wash is that it uses quite a bit less water than washing your car at home. At a self-service car wash, washing a normal sized car uses up about twelve to fourteen gallons of water (if it's not too dirty). Also, when you go to one of those self-service car washes where you bring your own products, you're the one who chooses how environmentally safe those products are or are not. One thing you don't get with a self-serve car wash, however, is the lovely convenience of washing your car without even leaving the house-- or getting it all done for you at a full-service.

Full Service Car Wash: A full service car wash has a lot of pros. The obvious thing is that it's ridiculously easy... and gets your car ridiculously clean. It also uses less water than washing at home, with about 11 gallons of water being used for compact cars, and 20 for trucks and SUVs. On the other hand, some professional car washes can harm the environment in other ways. Many use products and soaps that leech into the ground water and harm the environment in general. There are some, however, that "go green" with environmentally safe soaps and products... you simply have to choose the right one. Similar pages ["title="Best car wax">Car wash supplies](#) - [Car wash supplies](#) - [Car washing supplies](#) -

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