

SAWS Car Wash info

WaterSaver Car Wash Online Registration

Effective August 1, 2006, a person who uses a car wash in any commercial manner or for compensation must register with San Antonio Water System, and obtain a certificate for such use.

* indicates required fields.

Registration Form

* Applicant First Name:

* Applicant Last Name:

Email address:

(Provide an email address and your temporary certification information will be sent to you immediately.)

* Car Wash Facility Name:

* Car Wash Facility Address:

* City: * State: * ZIP Code:

* Phone:

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* Type of Car Wash Facility [Check one]:

Self-Service

Full-service

Roll-over/In bay

* Water Service Provider:

* Account Number:

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Check here if your water and sewer service information is the same.

* Sewer Service Provider:

* Account Number:

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Agreement Regarding Certification

Please read and agree to the Agreement Regarding Certification before submitting your registration.

WaterSaver Car Wash Online Agreement

The undersigned individual, as owner/operator of the vehicle wash facility identified in Part 1 above, hereby agrees to abide by each of the applicable conditions of the SAWS WaterSaver Car Wash Program and to maintain the vehicle wash facility according to such conditions for the period of certification. In consideration for participation in the SAWS WaterSaver Car Wash Program, the undersigned owner/operator of the vehicle wash facility (or his/her authorized representative) hereby authorizes employees of SAWS or a designated representative to enter the premises at any

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time during routine business hours to perform inspections for the purpose of determining compliance with the WaterSaver Car Wash Program. Inspections of limited access areas may be performed only after reasonable notice has been provided to the contact person identified in Part 1 above. The certification by SAWS of the above-identified facility is non-transferable and terminates upon transfer of ownership of the facility. As a further condition of certification, the undersigned owner/operator hereby agrees to notify SAWS in the event any of the following changes should occur: 1) if the facility is modified in a manner that will require an update to any information provided in this application; 2) if the facility is substantially altered with regard to the number of bays in operation; or 3) if the type of facility has been changed from that which is indicated in Part I above.

The undersigned hereby agrees to hold SAWS harmless with regard to its certification of the above identified facility or the undersigned's participation in the SAWS WaterSaver Car Wash Program. Further, the undersigned expressly agrees if any condition of the SAWS WaterSaver Car Wash Program that is applicable to the above identified facility is found to be in non-accordance with the prescribed program as determined by SAWS; the logo, signage, and other privileges of certification will be revoked and all subsequent benefits shall be immediately surrendered by the undersigned to SAWS until such time that the facility becomes re-certified.

Additionally, the undersigned hereby agrees they shall participate in good faith in the SAWS Charity Vehicle Wash program and to facilitate the sponsoring of not less than three Charity Vehicle Wash Programs during the one-year certification period at or on behalf of the vehicle wash facility identified in Part I above.

☐ I have read and accept this Agreement Regarding Certification and I understand and will abide by these guidelines as set forth by San Antonio Water System.

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Car Wash Best Management Practices

All Car Wash Facilities

- All water-using devices must be maintained to original or improved specifications for the conservation of water.
- All spray nozzles must be replaced annually with stainless steel or hard ceramic nozzles to ensure maximum efficiency.
- All water leaks must be repaired as they occur.
- All toilets utilized at the facility must use no more than 1.6 gallons per flush.
- All hoses or faucets that are in use must be attended or shut off.
- All driveways or impervious surfaces should be cleaned by sweeping for purposes other than health and safety.
- Driveways may be washed with high pressure, low volume systems for health and safety purposes only.
- All spot-free reverse osmosis concentrate (if such system is in place) must be reused in the wash water holding tank.
- Oil-water separators must be in proper working order.
- Remain in good standing with SAWS Wastewater Compliance. ?
- Submit yearly pumping receipts showing quarterly manifest of sump serviced by licensed waste hauler. (required by City Ordinance Sec.34-518.1.c)

Self-Service Facilities

- All chamois wringer sinks must have positive shut-off valves.
- All high-pressure wash nozzles and pump systems shall be calibrated to flows no greater than 3 gallons per minute. This may be achieved by replacing existing nozzles with a reduced size nozzle and adjusting the pressure generated by the pumps as needed.
- To alleviate misunderstandings for waste disposal, mandatory signs prohibiting the dumping of vehicle/household fluids must be posted in an effort to lessen these types of practices.
- All wash wands must incorporate nozzle protectors at all times.

Full-Service Facilities

- Automatic high-level water cut-offs must be installed in all towel and chamois washing machines.

- A minimum of 50 percent of water utilized in the rinse phase must be recycled to the collector tanks to be used for the washing phase.

In-Bay Automatic Facilities

- All chamois wringer sinks must have positive shut-off valves.
- Some mechanical means must be used to create at least a 5-second dwell time for water to run off the vehicle into the sanitary sewer before vehicle can exit the bay.
- Direction of spray and timing shall be properly set and shut off when no longer in contact with a vehicle.
- Basic wash package shall use no more than 40 gallons. Total annual savings are calculated at 988,829 gallons.
- Premium wash package shall use no more than 75 gallons, except during drought restrictions (See Drought Management Requirements). Total savings as a result of this adjustment are calculated at 1,371,628 gallons

Drought Mangement Requirements

The highest in-bay automatic wash shall not exceed an average consumption of 60 gallons during drought stages.

“Non-Certified” car wash operations will be limited during later stages of drought.

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Vehicle wash facilities.

- a) Vehicle wash facilities, commencing operation on or after January 1, 2006, using conveyORIZED, touchless, and/or rollover in-bay technology shall reuse a minimum of fifty (50) percent of water from previous vehicle rinses in subsequent washes.
 - b) Vehicle wash facilities, commencing operation on or after January 1, 2006, using reverse osmosis to produce water rinse with a lower mineral content, shall incorporate the unused concentrate in subsequent vehicle washes.
 - c) Regardless of date of operation commencement, self-service spray wands used shall emit no more than three (3) gallons of water per minute.
 - d) Vehicle wash facilities shall utilize self-service, rollover in-bay or conveyor washing technology with catchment systems and oil-water separators that are intended to treat wastewater prior to entering the sanitary sewer. Such systems shall be designed and maintained to prevent runoff into streets, storm drains and/or local creeks and tributaries.
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During Stage III any vehicle wash facility that is not certified as a SAWS certified vehicle wash facility will not be able to operate. Upon receiving certification vehicle wash facilities may resume operating hours.