

# City of Santa Maria Mobile Commercial Washing

## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

**Q: How do I get started?**

**A: Obtain a permit for Commercial Washer. Provide proof of general insurance and registration & insurance for commercial washing vehicle. Secure and deliver performance bond. Contact the Code Enforcement Division to schedule your inspection. Obtain a City Santa Maria Business License.**

**Q: What are the wash options for Mobile Commercial washing?**

**A: Traditional or waterless wash system.**

**Q: Can I continue washing vehicles in the public street?**

**A: Mobile Commercial Washing must be mobile and may only take place on private property.**

**Q: Do I need to purchase expensive equipment?**

**A: The City is not requiring the purchase of expensive equipment only that wastewater is being properly collected. There are many options for proper wastewater collection. You decide which equipment option(s) work best for your business.**

**Q: Do the required performance bonds cost \$20,000 for traditional water system and \$10,000 for a waterless system?**

**A: The cost for each bond is a minimal percentage, approximately 2.5-3% of the total bond for either option.**

**Q: Why does my Mobile Commercial Washing business require an inspection?**

**A: Inspections will be completed by the Code Enforcement Division once every two years to help ensure your Mobile Commercial Washing business meets the minimum required equipment standards.**

**Q: Where can I discharge the wastewater?**

**A: Wastewater must be properly discharged at an appropriate discharge facility such as the Wastewater Treatment Plant ([601 South Black Road, Santa Maria CA 93454](#))**

**Q: Is a permit required for to discharge Wastewater at the Treatment Plant? Does it cost money for disposal?**

**A: Yes, a wastewater discharge permit is required and can be obtained from the Utilities Department. The cost for disposal is approximately \$0.12 per gallon, based on the full capacity of the permitted wastewater tank.**

**Q: What do I have to do for monthly recordkeeping? Where do I submit my reports?**

**A: Recordkeeping can be simple. Some examples are maintaining wastewater discharge receipts or keeping a log with dates/times/vehicles washed/and discharge date. Reports will be submitted to the Code Enforcement Division.**



**For further questions, please contact the Code Enforcement Division (805) 925-0951 ext. 2420**

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