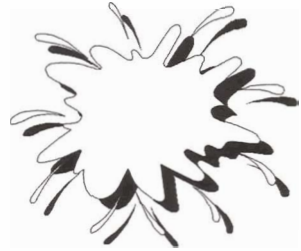


How Do You Clean Your Concrete Driveway?

DID YOU KNOW.....

your property drains into the storm sewer system, which discharges into our local bays and estuaries?

that if you are hosing down your concrete driveway you may be polluting our local waterways?



Recommended Concrete Cleaning Methods

- ✓ If you spray your driveway, use a high pressure, low output power washing system to prevent run-off.
- ✓ Scrub stain with a small amount of concentrated detergent suds, using a stiff, long handled brush. Rinse, dry and repeat if necessary.
- ✓ Sprinkle dry dishwasher detergent on wet concrete. Let stand a few minutes; pour boiling water on area. Scrub and rinse with rubber gloves on hands.
- ✓ Use a commercial product. One example is Garage and Driveway Cleaner by Red Devil Co., or Behr Concrete Cleaner and Degreaser. (Note: Manatee County EMD DOES NOT endorse any specific brand.)
- ✗ **DO NOT** use any solvents such as gasoline, alcohol, mineral spirits or kerosene to remove a stain!
- ✗ **DO NOT** use caustic solutions such as muriatic acid (hydrochloric acid)!

Remember concrete is porous, which makes it difficult to clean. Proper maintenance of your vehicles will prevent oil and grease stains and reduce the need to clean your driveway. If a spill does occur, absorb any excess oil or grease immediately with kitty litter or other absorbent and use one of the methods stated above to clean the stain.

Let's help keep our local waterways clean and safe for all to enjoy.

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