

Pressure Washers

Long Beach has a permanent prohibition against washing driveways, sidewalks, parking areas, patios or other outdoor areas with a hose *unless* you are using a water-conserving pressurized cleaning device. A simple spray nozzle does not qualify as a water-conserving pressurized cleaning device.

Why the permanent prohibition? When people don't use a water-conserving pressurized device when cleaning outdoor spaces they can easily use 10 times as much of our reduced imported drinking water supplies. Additionally, this excessive water use often flows into the street, down the storm drain and ultimately pollutes our precious coastal marine habitat. Pressurized cleaning devices use less of our reduced imported drinking water, are better for our Long Beach marine habitat, and do a better job of cleaning our outdoor spaces.

What qualifies as a "pressurized cleaning device"? Any device that either (a) discharges water at a minimum of 1,000 pounds per square inch, or psi, or (b) is rated at using less than three (3) gallons of water per minute. Residential customers will usually use electric-powered washers.

Is there an even better option than a "pressurized cleaning device"? Yes. Consider a simple push-broom. Push-brooms are inexpensive, reduce water use 100%, cause zero runoff into our precious Long Beach marine habitat, and are a great form of exercise. A win, win, win, win!

Where can I buy a qualifying pressure washer? It's easy to find these devices on-line at some of your favorite outlets, such as Home Depot, Lowes, Ace Hardware, Wal-Mart, Target, Amazon, and many others.

**Thank you for conserving water,
one of our most precious and limited natural resources**