



## **Water Conservation Certification Program**

### **Purpose:**

The Western Carwash Association Water Conservation Certification Program (WCA/WCCP) is a tool for car wash operators to maximize water conservation efforts at their facilities.

The purpose of the program is to educate water utility companies as to the benefits of professional car washing as it pertains to water conservation and protecting the environment.

When implemented correctly the WCCP will recognize conservation efforts by professional car washes and provide an incentive to achieve and maintain these efforts.

### **Criteria and Standards:**

In order to qualify for the WCCP the vehicle wash facility must be an existing business in full compliance with all current, local, state and federal laws and regulations. The applicant must also be a member in good standing with the Western Carwash Association.

The applicant must demonstrate that each of the following criteria has been satisfied. In addition, the applicant must agree to continue meeting each criterion for the period of the certification. The criteria and standards for each type of vehicle wash facility are as follows:

#### **Self Serve:**

- All spot-free reverse osmosis reject water (if used) must be recycled.
- All towel ringers (if applicable) must have a positive shut-off valve.
- Spray nozzles must be replaced annually.
- Toilets (if applicable) must be ultra low flow 1.6 gallon per flush type.
- No visible water leaks.
- Drought tolerant landscaping or drip system.
- Main water shut off valve in proper working order.

#### **Conveyor:**

- Must have a recycling system in place.
- All spot-free reverse osmosis reject water (if used) must be recycled.
- All towel washing systems must have an automatic high level automatic shut off system.
- No visible water leaks.
- Toilets must use ultra low flow 1.6 gallon per flush type.
- Drought tolerant landscaping or drip system.
- Main water shut off valve in proper working order.

#### **In-Bay Automatic:**

- Must have a recycling system in place.
- Where applicable, a 5 second dwell time should be created before the customer's vehicle exits the bay to enable water to run off the vehicle into the bay collection pit.
- Underbody, Rocker Panel and wheel wash cycles must be re-nozzled and/or calibrated to use no more than 12 gallons per wash cycle.
- All spot-free reverse osmosis reject water (if used) must be recycled.
- No visible water leaks.
- Toilets (if applicable) must use ultra low flow 1.6 gallon flush type.
- Drought tolerant landscaping or drip system.
- Main water shut off valve in proper working order.

**Validation:**

In order to comply with the WCCP the applicant must have either a licensed plumber or local water agency inspect and fill out the compliance check list which needs to be submitted with the Conservation Certification application.

**Process:**

1. Prepare facility for inspection.
2. Contact a licensed plumber or you local water agency for inspection.
3. Have them fill out the WCCP compliance check list.
4. Complete the WCCP application.
5. Return both completed documents to the WCA office.
6. WCA Environmental Task Force will evaluate your application. If the application is complete and in compliance with the WCCP guidelines, WCA Staff will mail to you a certificate as well as a window sticker and poster for you to display at your facility.

**Alternative Qualification Criteria – The WCA Commercial Car Wash Best Management Recognition Program:**

If the vehicle wash facility does not meet the WCCP criteria due to a lack of a reclaim system, due to age or physical limitations, the facility may qualify for the WCA Commercial Car Wash Best Management Recognition Program (application included). If the application is complete and in compliance with the all guidelines, WCA Staff will mail to you a certificate as well as a window sticker and poster for you to display at your facility.

**Please return this completed form to:** WCA Best Management Recognition  
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