

Water Conservation Requirements for Cosmetic Commercial Power/Pressure Washing

Chapter 6-4-11, Water Conservation Code, Water Use Management
City of Austin Ordinance 20120816-004

To conserve drinking water, the City of Austin has adopted regulations for cosmetic power washing. These regulations do not apply to industrial cleaning, cleaning associated with manufacturing activities, hazardous or toxic waste cleaning or graffiti removal.

What Is Cosmetic Commercial Power/Pressure Washing?



Cosmetic Commercial Power/Pressure washing is the treatment or cleaning of a surface for cosmetic purposes and can include:

- Buildings
- Vehicles
- Outdoor surfaces
- Other mobile equipment

Commercial Cosmetic Power/Pressure Washing equipment must have:

- spray nozzles cannot use more than 3.5 gallons per minute (gpm)
- water recycling unit
- working trigger shut-off
- protective weep mechanism where applicable

Measures to control discharge or runoff in accordance with other City regulations must be met. For more information contact Austin Watershed Protection at (512) 974-2550.

Questions?

Call Austin Water – Water Conservation at (512) 974-2199
Or email - WaterCon@austintexas.gov