

## CAR WASH TIPS

It's easy to help the environment when you wash your car. Using a commercial car wash is best, because the soapy, dirty water comes to the wastewater treatment plant. If you wash your car at home, just remember these two simple tips:

- Always dump and rinse your wash bucket into the sink (never the storm drain).
- Use a spray nozzle on your hose that shuts the water off while you're scrubbing.

### No Charity Car Washes

Charity car washes aren't allowed. They produce a lot of water filled with dirt, oil, soap and other pollutants that flows from storm drains into the Bay without any form of treatment.

By planning ahead, you can raise funds for your organization while still taking care of the environment. Visit our website at [www.VSFCD.com](http://www.VSFCD.com) and click on Questions, then Charity Car Wash for ideas.



## GETTING RID OF MOSQUITOES AT HOME

There are many different kinds of mosquitoes. Some bite during the day, while others feed at night.

Only adult female mosquitoes bite humans and other animals to feed on blood. Adult male mosquitoes feed on flower nectar. Young mosquitoes (larvae) live in water and feed on microorganisms and organic matter.



Just about any container that holds water for more than a few days can produce a large crop of mosquitoes. Your bites may be coming from mosquitoes you are raising in your own backyard.

In addition to their annoying buzzing and itchy bites, mosquitoes carry diseases that can be serious, even fatal, to humans, like West Nile virus. Getting rid of mosquitoes and making sure they aren't breeding around your home will help keep everyone safer—and keep you and your family from getting bitten.

Pesticides are not very effective for mosquito control. Pesticide sprays, which reach relatively few mosquitoes, are more likely to harm helpful insects. Call the Solano County Mosquito Abatement District at 707.437.1116 if you suspect mosquitoes are breeding in the storm drains or catch basins in your neighborhood. They can also provide you with free mosquitofish ... predators of mosquito larvae that can be helpful in backyard ponds and water gardens.

For a free fact sheet full of tips on controlling mosquitoes around your home, visit the helpful website at [www.OurWaterOurWorld.org](http://www.OurWaterOurWorld.org) or call 707.644.8949 ext. 292 and we will mail you a copy.

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## PROJECT UPDATES

Our engineers are busy with several projects that are either recently completed, in progress, or in the planning stages. Here's a quick update:

- The North Camino Alto and Bonita Court projects, which were discussed in detail in our January/February 2017 issue, are finished.
- We have had our first kick-off meeting for the Storm Water Master Plan, which is expected to take fourteen months to complete.
- Austin Creek is in the permit phase for channel cleaning.
- Aspects of the original Army Corps of Engineers project on White Slough have been included in our 10-Year Capital Improvement Plan. These include replacing the culvert crossings at Valle Vista and Redwood in 2019 and 2020.



## COASTAL CLEANUP DAY 2017



Coastal Cleanup Day will take place Saturday, September 16 from 9:00 a.m. to noon in various locations around Vallejo. You can participate in the state's largest volunteer event! Hundreds of people in Vallejo join more than 70,000 Californians on the third Saturday of September each year, removing trash and recyclables from beaches, lakes, and waterways.

Families, friends, co-workers, scout troops, school groups, service clubs and individuals come together to clean and celebrate, removing vast amounts of debris to protect creeks, bays, and the ocean. You can too!

To find the site convenient for you, email [Info@ValcoreRecycling.org](mailto:Info@ValcoreRecycling.org), call VALCORE Recycling at 707.645.8258 or visit [www.ValcoreRecycling.org](http://www.ValcoreRecycling.org).

On the day of the event, wear comfortable clothes and sturdy shoes, hat, sunscreen and gloves. Bring a refillable water bottle and bucket, if you have them. If not, we'll have plenty of supplies.

After the event, there will be a free lunch at the Vallejo Marina for volunteers.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Coastal Cleanup Day

Saturday, September 16

9 a.m. to Noon

Various sites around Vallejo

Complete details at:

[www.ValcoreRecycling.org](http://www.ValcoreRecycling.org)

707.645.8258

### Vallejo Watershed Alliance Events

The Alliance is a community-based volunteers group that hosts monthly habitat restoration projects and creek cleanups throughout the year. For current events and activities, visit [www.VallejoWatershedAlliance.org](http://www.VallejoWatershedAlliance.org).

