

WASH BAYS

Motorcycle and vehicle cleaning should be done in a designated area with all the necessary equipment to prevent the wash water from seeping into the ground.

Note that washing is to be carried out with the use of water only and that detergents are not allowed. Detergents kill microorganisms in the soil and water. This can also lead to ecological problems in the immediate area.

In case of permanent circuits, it is quite easy to identify an area in the paddock or nearby. Provide it with a waterproof surface (concrete/cement) and gutters to collect the wash water. This can be connected to the main sewerage line of the paddock area or to a conservancy tank that can be emptied when it is full.

In case of temporary circuits, the situation is clearly more difficult to address, but also here it is possible to find alternative solutions. It is essential that no fresh water sources, i.e. rivers, streams, dams, boreholes are contaminated with wash water and for this reason the designated wash bays must be located far away from such these water sources. Also make use of the natural slope of the ground to identify a suitable washing area.

Partial recovery of the wastewater in waste tanks/reservoirs is also better than the total dispersion of it in the ground.



Above: Well designed Wash Bay with concrete floor and controlled waste water disposal system.



Above: Wash Area without proper drainage. Potential pollution risk especially if located in the vicinity of fresh water sources or in areas with a high water table.

