



Cosmetic Cleaning Permit

Cosmetic cleaning (also known as power washing) has the potential to discharge a variety of pollutants into the environment such as:

- **Soaps and detergents**
- **Oils and grease**
- **Dirt and trash**

These discharges generally do not go through a treatment system and instead enter into creeks and rivers causing damage to our aquatic life.

The City of Fort Worth requires anyone who operates a mobile cosmetic cleaning business to get a Cosmetic Cleaning Permit.



Applications for City of Fort Worth
Mobile Commercial
Cosmetic Cleaning Permits
accepted:

In-person

Hazel Harvey Peace Center for Neighborhoods
818 Missouri Avenue
Fort Worth, TX 76104

Online

[www.FortWorthTexas.gov/departments/
code-compliance/environmental-quality/
stormwater-quality/powerwash](http://www.FortWorthTexas.gov/departments/code-compliance/environmental-quality/stormwater-quality/powerwash)

QUESTIONS?

For questions and all inquiries, contact the
City of Fort Worth
Code Compliance Department at

817-392-1234

or email

CosmeticCleaner@fortworthtexas.gov

Visit us online at

www.FortWorthTexas.gov/codecompliance

Mobile Commercial Cosmetic Cleaning Permits



Things To Know

All businesses within the city have regulations they must abide by. The following regulations apply specifically to the cosmetic cleaner industries.

Per City Code...

- Best Management Practices must be followed by all cosmetic cleaning users.
- All employees engaged in cosmetic cleaning services must be knowledgeable about the discharge limitations.

What is Cosmetic Cleaning?

The city's Stormwater Ordinance defines mobile commercial cosmetic cleaning as "power washing, steam cleaning, and any other mobile cosmetic cleaning operation, of vehicles and/or exterior surfaces, engaged in for commercial purposes."

Cosmetic Cleaning, also known as Pressure Washing or Power Washing, uses mechanical equipment to create a high pressure stream of water which is typically ejected from a hand held wand or nozzle. This jet of water is used for cleaning a wide variety of surfaces and objects. Depending on the application, pressure washing may be conducted with or without heated water or added cleaners.

What can be cleaned with the permit?

- Parking lots
- Sidewalks
- Roofs
- Vehicles
- Boat docks
- Decks
- Building exteriors
- Equipment
- Graffiti

Methods of Disposal

The City of Fort Worth allows two different methods of cosmetic cleaning wash water disposal:

Sanitary Sewer

A permit is required from the City of Fort Worth Industrial Pretreatment Department before discharging into the sanitary sewer. Discharge must be free of grease, grit, or any other substance that could potentially clog the pipe.

For more information on getting a sanitary sewer permit, contact the Pretreatment Division at:

817-392-8305 or

Pretreatment@FortWorthTexas.gov

Storm Drain

Wash water must be free of pollutants. Entrance to the storm drain must be screened to catch leaves and debris. A 20 (840 micron or finer) mesh screen is suggested to be placed over the storm drain inlet.

Vehicle Registration

All vehicles and trailers used to transport cosmetic cleaning rigs are required to be registered under this permit. The permit number must appear on each registered vehicle and should be:

- Easily visible
- Placed on both sides of the vehicle
- At least 3" high
- In a color that contrasts with the vehicle

Enforcement

A company or person found violating the City of Fort Worth's cosmetic cleaning ordinance can be fined up to \$2,000 per offense.

